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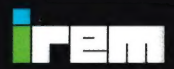


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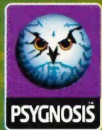
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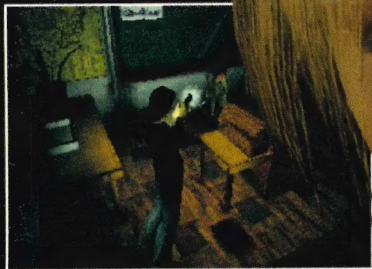


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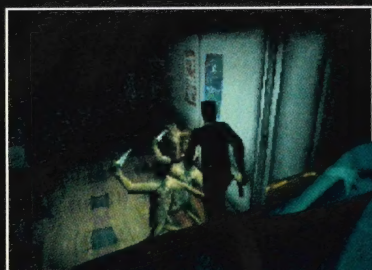
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plus ABE'S EXODUS

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Piss off
Celebrities we hate

1. Zoe Ball
Listen carefully to Zoe on the radio. Hear how she has a lot of trouble breathing, she has to take big sipping breathers between sentences of pure crap. Wouldn't it be great if she had a little bit more inside breathing?

2. Chris Evans
Dude! Liverpool Street station in London is a huge poster advertising Chris Evans' radio programme. Somebody has written 'I'm a prick' across his face. We'd like to strangle that person by the hand.

3. Chris Evans
Just try to be a bit more interesting on, living with a prick which is...

4. Chris Evans
Just try to be a bit more interesting on, living with a prick which is...

Dead Ball Zone
Company C1: 10 Players: 1-2 in Special Analogue pad
Memory card: Link-up: Mouse: Multitap: 85%
Hyper-violent role-play game. With choices.

Goal of All
Company Sony: 10 Players: 1-2 in Special Dual Shock Pad
Memory card: Link-up: Mouse: Multitap: 84%
Soccer fighter with added bouncing balls. Top job.

Deathtrap Dungeon
Company Elite: 10 Players: 1-2 in Special Dual Shock Pad
Memory card: Link-up: Mouse: Multitap: 80%
Tomb Raider-style adventure, but with swords.

Dungeon
Company Sony: 10 Players: 1-2 in Special Dual Shock Pad
Memory card: Link-up: Mouse: Multitap: 72%
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action.

Disco
Company Sony: 10 Players: 1-2 in Special Dual Shock Pad
Memory card: Link-up: Mouse: Multitap: 72%
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action.

The Works: Silent Hill first look



■ Brian's 'sitting down face' seemed strangely at odds with such an ordinary activity...

This game has been proven to cause mental illness in children at thirty paces. It can scare pensioners to death. Why? Try blood, steaming offal, flayed foetuses: it's got 'em all. In spades. And it's looking like a total peach...

Silent but violent

Pointy-headed walking abortions with no skin don't get out much. They don't get girlfriends. That's why they like stabbing people in the kneecaps and gnawing on people's genitals. It's just your luck you crash your car in Silent Hill on the night an army of them are holding their annual convention there...

Buckets of blood. Gut-wrenching violence. Enough suspense to make you sweat like a fat lass. Mega-tasty graphics and video bits. Looking for a Resident Evil 2-beater? You come to the right place...



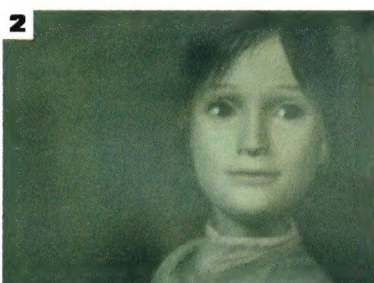
1 Yup. Multo fear guaranteed. Or your money back. Spooky shit 2 And just wait for those skinless babies to show up. Lucky brown's in this season 3 It just gets nastier and nastier 4 And the lights just get lower and lower



The Works: Silent Hill first look

Who are you?

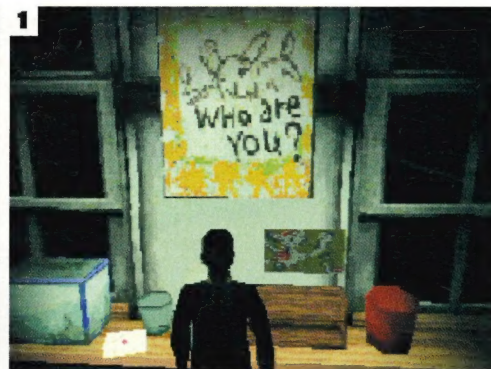
You're a clean-cut wholesome American boy straight out of the clean-cut wholesome American boy factory they've got down in Kansas. You're driving along with your clean-cut wholesome American daughter. You see a figure in the road. You crash. Daughter moseys off into the mist. You start seeing weird stuff. Welcome to Silent Hill...



1 That's you. You're a bit fazed by all these shenanigans **2** That's daughter. She only lives to colour in her 'Drawing Block' **3** Until she wanders off into the mist... and you realise all is not well in Silent Hill

Where's the gang?

Thing about Silent Hill is it's... silent. Where is everybody? Apart from the orchestra playing sinister music in the distance, there's no sign of humans anywhere. Just skinless people and Jap's eyes for mouths. You don't have to be Einstein to figure bad shit's happening...



1 The school. No kids. Murderous foetuses. At least it's quiet... **2** As the man says. Almost too quiet... **3** Who's been sleeping in my bed? **4** Shit! What's that bloody horrible pink dog doing?

Abort! Abort!

Very rarely will you have hefted a small sidearm with so much conviction that you're doing the world a complete favour. Abortions should stay in the hospital incinerator where they belong. No way should they be wandering aimlessly around small-town America looking just a bit cocky. And which stupid bastard decided to give them knives? Time to pull out that pistol you got and finish off the surgeon's work, we reckon...



1 Urrrrggghhh. Little skinless tots lurching around in the dark **2** Give 'em half a chance, and they stick little knives in you... **3** Time to unholster that gun the cop gave you. Give the little bastards hell **4** And he's out for the count. But... what's this... he's twitching **5** ...And he's getting up again. He don't look worried **6** Blam! You liked that, huh? How's about some more?

'Like a horror flick gone PlayStation'

Wossitloikethen?

So what's the big idea? Well, it's like a horror flick gone PlayStation. There's going to be plenty big-money animated film bits, stringing together a plot with all sorts of weirdo characters. But murder fans'll be pleased to hear joining up the clever bits is going to be a super-nasty third person action/adventure game with oceans of blood to be a-spilling...



■ Kill! Kill! Where is the enemy!



■ But keep the non-killing bit of your brain alert



■ Kill! Kill! Where is the enemy!



■ All glued together with tasty vid bits like this



■ And this one. Ain't they pretty?

He'll save every one of us!

We got no problems with meeting demonic knife-wielding babies with no skin as long as it's daylight. Night-time, though, and they're a bit scary. And, it's never light in Silent Hill. Never. You get to see as much of the scenery as your two-dollar flashlight illuminates. That ain't much. And what the hell was that lurking into the edge of your beam...

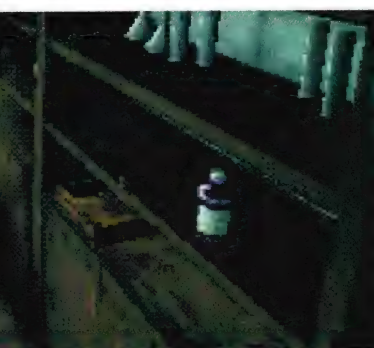
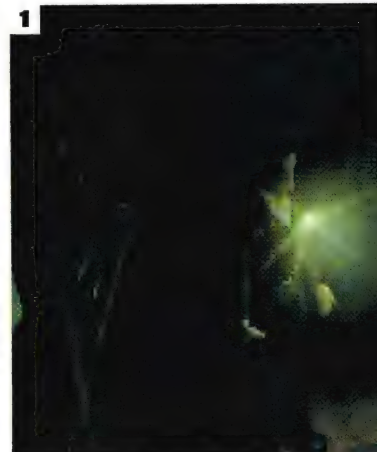


1 It's getting darker. And darker 2 But you got your trusty torch to make light of the situation 3 But just a goddam minute. Was that something twitching at the edge of my beam? 4 Yup. Sho' nuff. It's them damn babies back up to their old tricks...



I no understand...

There'll be plenty puzzles, but in the demo they could be solved by a lab rat if you electrocuted it enough. We're promised brain-taxing action in the final version...

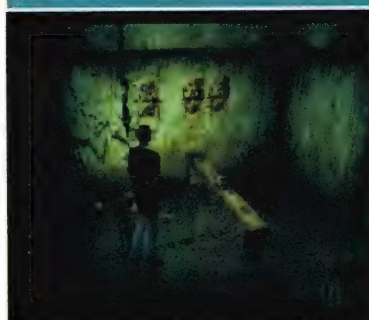


1 Hmmm. Lab chemical. Always worth a punt 2 Ahhhh. Sulphuric acid. It just gets better and better 3 An old man's hand clutching a gem. Wonder what'll dissolve that 4 Sharp lad. Bingo.

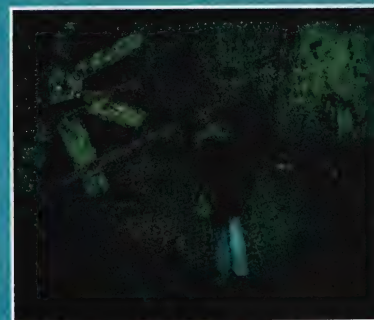


Dark side

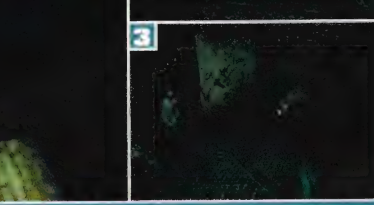
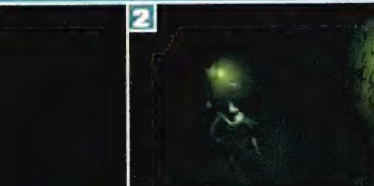
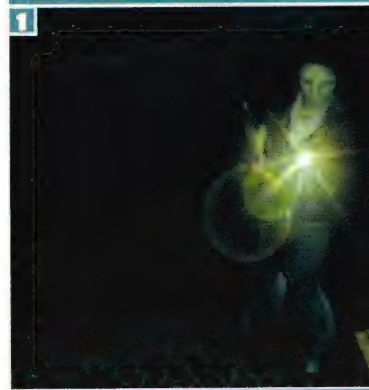
You get to flit between two worlds in Silent Hill, the nice world and the Dark Side. In the nice world, everybody's vanished and baby pink freaks with penis lips are all over the shop. That's the nice one. The dark one's got a whole lot more offal on the walls. You got to head Dark Side, stepping carefully around the offal, to influence events in the normal world...



■ Welcome to the dark world. Lots o' blood



■ And scenery like this organ-covered wheel...



1 Every home should have one 2 Opening stuff up in the dark world can let you into new bits in the normal world 3 If you can get back, that is...

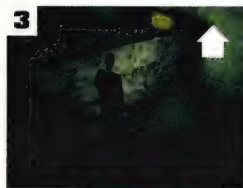
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Uggghhh!

There's plenty of moments in Silent Hill where the action nearly has lunch returning to the outside world. Here's a particularly tasteful example. A blood-oozing locker which rattles like there's something inside. Is it your daughter? Is it another peeled human baby? Only one way to find out...



1 One of these lockers is making a noise **2** Open it... and a corpse falls out of the next one **3** Cheryl? You in there? **4** Now head to the dark version of the world. Nastier... **5** But the noise's still there... **6** This time it opens...

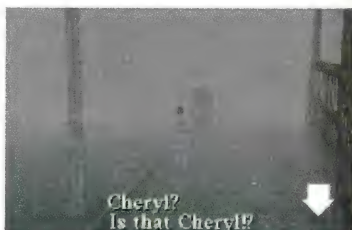


Jeezus! What is this?

You're a good parent. So when your daughter runs off into the mist, you don't just leave her to it. But there's a point at which being a good parent spills over into being a dumb bastard. That's the point where you follow her into this passage tastefully decorated with human giblets. Ditch the silly cow and go home, y'doofus!



■ Oi! Cheryl you little twat! Come to daddy!



■ Jesus. Kids these days. So off you trot



■ You can't fault the man for asking...

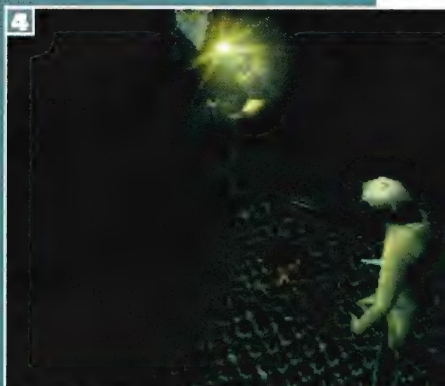
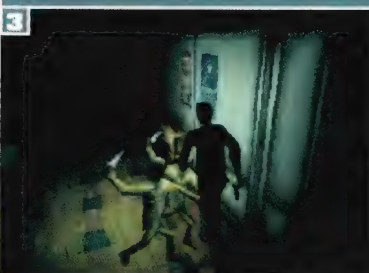
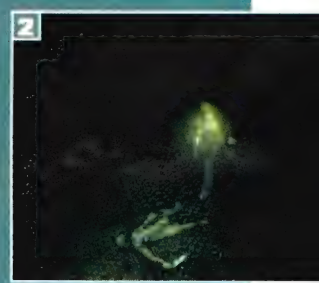


■ It gets darker. Then you see stuff like this

plus We'd like to say... Human entrails disappearing down the mucus-oozing orifices of grotesque skinless babies. 'Sick! Depraved! Nauseating!' Yeah, yeah. Can it, Grandad. We been looking for something that could out-evil Resident Evil in terms of sheer pant-wetting terror for donkey's. This could be the one. We wait in hope.

...And pass the ammunition

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! C-click! C-click! Oh, shit. Now it's your time to die. The thing is, if you try and tackle all the evil stuff in Silent Hill by just pumping out a couple kilos of hot lead every time a foetus cocks a snook at you, all you're gonna get left with is a butter knife to take on the other armies of the aborted. And that really ain't gonna be much good for your health. Trust us on this. Shoot wisely.



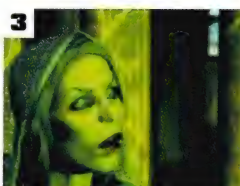
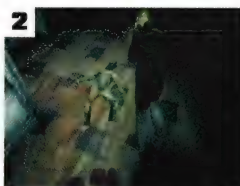
1 Try to tackle stuff by blasting hot death at every bastard in your way... **2** And you'll end up on a one-way ticket to morguesville **3** You got to stay fleet on those feet if you want to survive **4** Run! Yup, we know it's cowardly, but there just ain't enough bullets to play Arnie all day

Nasty bits. Part deux

And it just gets worse. Cockroaches ain't the nicest of creatures at the best of times, but blow them up to poodle-sized and they're grotesque little bastards. And the further you get in, the bigger the things that are gonna be trying to turn you into steak tartare. We've even seen this horse-sized freak that can split its head in half. Some party trick...



1 Insects! Jesus. Where's some bug spray when you need it **2**... have to rely on the trusty .38 **3** But you'll need more than that to take on the big bastards later on...





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A TWAT WRITES

Hey you 'bullshitters', you said WLS 98 is the best footy game, but it ain't nothing compared to ISS Pro. Pro's the best and 98 is much better. **Forget about the career in brain surgery, eh? We said WLS was the best footy game when it was released – which was BEFORE ISS Pro 98, which is now the best footy game** Well fools, keep up the work and don't make pathetic judgments again.

Chi-Gin Wong, Dalston

A BOGWATCHER

On Resident Evil 2 where are the dogs? **Why? Need to fire some Bovril bullets do we?**

Lee Wilson, Bristol

ANOTHER BOGWATCHER

There IS a bog on Res Evil 2, on the train when you're on the way to the secret Umbrella lab. Shame Claire doesn't stop for a dump. **Not really. Weirdo** Anyway, keep printing pics of Carla Pivonski, I hope she will be Lara. She's definitely got what it takes upstairs.

Steven Messer, Edinburgh

class

PROBLEMS YOU GOT WITH DOGS

A warning. We have a psychotically deranged Collie/Irish Wolfhound cross, or at least it has been that way since I bought a PlayStation 18 months ago. These days, I switch the PlayStation on and the dog sprints to the furthest available room. **Not playing Tomb Raider are we? Dogs tend to wanna protect their nads when Lara gets gunning** Two weeks ago, as revenge, the dog lapped up a bowl of water, walked straight into the lounge and stood astride my 'Station with water dribbling from its chin straight on to number one port memory card and evidently across the terminals within. The result (on switching the machine on) of this canine terrorism was to completely wipe the memory card. Every game! Needless to say the dog spent a lot of time in the backroom that evening. **Why? couldn't you be arsed to play PlayStation any more?** I'd just like to say don't let your dog try this at home!!

Marc Hemmings, Cornwall



■ Ms Winslet: gets our award for actress with no support

FAVE LESBIANS FIGHT

Our names are Michelle and Vicky. Our mission is to provide strong opposition for Zoë and Teri – your fave lesbians. Well, we are lesbians from Gloucester and we love your mag, keep up the good pictures of the women. We do it best on Tekken 2 and could you tell Zoë and Teri if they ever want a foursome we'll give a right **There's a bit here which the lawyers wouldn't let us print and so we've censored it. Sorry, it was good, too** We'll see who your fave lesbians are now then shall we! **Y'know, we REALLY like Zoë and Teri. You are going to have to try very hard to take the special place they occupy in our hearts**

Michelle and Vicky

KATE'S BITS

Could you please put a picture of Kate Winslet next to my letter. I love her to bits.

David McMahon, Glasgow

FOOTY STUFF

I have a mega-cheat for Premier Manager 98. Select two-player mode. Pick your team then pick a team with a couple of great players, let's say Arsenal. **Oh, OK. 'Arsenal'**

Then with your team, go to transfer market, then go to database and pick Arsenal, then offer no money, no wages and a ten year contract for David Seaman and because you're playing with Arsenal, it will ask you if you accept or reject the offer from your other team. Good eh? But it gets

Bulging sack

The crumbs in his bag

I have been forced to live in the Hell that is Cheshire. People who play Rayman are dickheads.

Keir Gurrell, Cheshire

Hannah Darling this is just to say thank you for last weekend. You were INCREDIBLE! I haven't been able to sit down since. Much love and lust.

Penny

You probably won't print my letter but that doesn't bother me.

Aden Blenkinsopp, Warks

Gimme a picture of Charlie. PLEASE!

Terry Groves

Havant

Oh yeah, I know Yanks are stupid, but training troops with Doom?

Colin T. Carrickfergus

Everyone I know with ginger hair are complete tossers.

Ben, Dover

All ginger haired freaks should have their hair dyed pink and their freckles removed with sawn-off shotguns, then beaten to death with huge planks of wood with nails in.

Jack the Ginger Ripper, Hull

I am sorry to say this but you are wrong on saying Jenny Aniston is a 'stupid Yank'.

Damion Connors, Birmingham

better. **God, we hope it does. Our boredom levels are approaching critical**

Do this for every player you fancy from Arsenal's line-up. Then with Arsenal offer £10 million for a crap player from your team. Of course you accept. After a couple of games Arsenal will go into debt and you'll get sacked. So here's the sweet part. You will get offered another team, so you pick Man U and do it all over again. In the end your team will end up with all the great players in the Premiership on ten-year contracts, no wages and all freebies and you can still save. Also you will have a shitload of money in the bank. Am I the first to do this, and do I win a prize? **You may be the first to do it and NOT win a prize. Will that do?**

T. Ellison, Nottingham.

GT DEFENDER

For God's sake get a life, RT from Tunbridge Wells. **Geezer who slagged off Gran Turismo.** So the cars in Gran Turismo don't break or flip over when you crash them into walls? Funny, I thought that the whole idea of racing games was to keep the car on the tarmac and go as fast as possible. Now, I'm shit-hot at Gran Turismo. I'd got my International A Licence before any mag had printed their solutions and I've got gold on every competition **Wow, aren't you the big daddy? Packing an enormous schlong too, are we?**

I know that I certainly get my kicks in this way, so why all this talk about crashing into walls?



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Up the Foxes

Support messages for City



Who was that twat who called Leicester City 'shitty'? Because he is an utter wanker. **No great disagreement from us** If we can remember back to last season, what was the score at Villa Park? Was it by any chance 3-1. And could I say your mag is the tops and Leicester will cane Wimbledon's ass.

Mike, Leicester

Well done for an excellent mag and good luck with Leicester City FC.
S McEvoy, High Wycombe

I tend to find that crashing cars only happens to rubbish drivers although perhaps, for extra realism, the next time you want to flip cars over you should boot your telly across the room while getting a mate to give you a good kicking: for those realistic injuries **He doesn't mean it. He's just angry. Don't try that at home, kids**

Hell's bells, it's a game, you total spod, **Steady on** And I, for one, like the realistic handling and attention to driving mechanics far better than hearing crashes and bangs.

Oh, and if Colin McRae is so realistic, when did you last see a real rally car land on its roof and then magically right itself and carry on in under six seconds, EH?! It does this because it is more FUN. So, grow up and enjoy what a game is all about instead of fretting about cars crashing and stuff.

Michael Foster, Blackpool

LAUGH AT THE GIMP

I thought that I would put you to the test, meaning that as your mag hates Spice World. So, I decided to go out and buy it. While playing it, I thought to myself what dickheads you all were **Who us?** because the game was top. A couple of days later I realised I was the only dickhead **Thought so** To think that a piece of shit like Spice World was good. Next time I will take your opinions seriously and Spice World is really Shite World. I do think that 21% has to be too high for a piece of crap like that. **Read and learn from this, children...**

Matt Brown, Stoke on Trent

STAR LETTER #2

Aren't Polo Gummies absolutely revolutionary? I'm sorry but I felt I had to share my passion for the squashy sweet with the hole with you. Keep up the good work!

Rich, N. Wales

DUNNYMAKEYERSICK

I truly sympathise with any readers of your mag who, to date, still comment that they simply can't pass Gran Turismo's International A licence tests. **Really, because they don't sympathise with you. They think you're a tosspot** I suggest they make good use of their other two licences by racing and competing, using various cars on each and every track available. **They suggest you piss off and stop patronising them**

As they progress they will be tempted to try the International A test. That is the opportune time to familiarise themselves with the handling characteristics of the Viper and the TVR. **They wish you'd familiarise yourself with the business end of a pick-axe and stop treating them like a two-year-olds**

A. Coldman, Malta

She's got the part

Who should play Lara debate

Last month you printed a piece on who should play Lara. This made some good points but, I believe that although Kate Winslet has a fine pair of charlies and Jennifer Aniston, Liz Hurley are both fit, the only person who could do Lara justice is Alex Kingston. Who I hear you ask? Moll Flanders, Dr Elizabeth Corday in ER.

Not only is she top totty she can act as well!!

Rushie, Mansfield.



Kingston: At medipack central yesterday

Hannah vs Zoë

Zoë writes back...

The story so far... Hannah Mitton wrote to us asking for less women in the mag. Then Zoë (a lesbian) wrote saying 'pah! I like women in the mag. Print more'. Then Hannah wrote to Zoë and, boy, was she angry. Then loads of people wrote in about Hannah (so many, we felt sorry for her) saying, 'leave our mag alone'. Now it's Zoë's turn....

Heterosexual Hannah, I readily apologise for my assumption that you asked for photos of nude blokes. Re-reading your original letter, I see this is not the case. Sorry. **Ah, that's nice. They're making up**

But on the other hand, **Oh, mebbe they're not making up after all** I'm not the only one who make assumptions, am I? You

appear to have xenophobic preconceptions **Er, what?** of what a lesbian should be. I am NOT a 'breasts' person, and though I am by no means as well-endowed as you obviously are to judge from your comments, I certainly am not flat either.

I also did not suggest 'most' women are 'queer'. I wanted to put forward what I realised to be a minority observation because I knew the guys at PlayStation would be interested and unbiased. **You was right. Although 'interested' is a new way of putting it**

As for your fears, my interest is in a good sense of humour and a wonderful personality, so you needn't worry dear. But there's nothing wrong with good looks as part of an overall package, as I'm sure you will agree!

Zoë, Kent

DAVID'S MISERY

You have to feel sorry for my cousin David, for he was dealt the ultimate cruel punishment. For one night his girlfriend caught him doing the 'FANCY FOXTROT' with another young Vixen.

When he returned home — SHOCK, HORROR, DESPAIR. The love of his life was gone! His evil girlfriend had sold his beloved PlayStation and all his game collection. **Evil? How about 'serves him right'? Oh, OK. Evil it is, then**

Luckily I managed to see the funny side of it, as I bought Resident Evil 2 off her for a tenner!

Derry

PS I hope he doesn't read this in PlayStation as I haven't changed any of the names to protect the innocent!

THICKY-PANTS WARNING!

In your August edition of your mag you had a person called Joanne Houlihan from Ireland telling Hannah Mitton if she had a problem with the human body to take it up with Sony. But your mag isn't endorsed by Sony, is it? So, why would she want to do that? **Don't bother with the Mensa application, eh? Joanne was talking about game girlies, saying that if Hannah didn't like 'em she should complain to Sony, not us. Mists clearing?**

Nick Boswell, Manchester.

Water babes

That's your mum, that is...

It was an attempt to get you to send in pictures of your birds having a bath and the bribe was a £2,000 cash prize for the winner.

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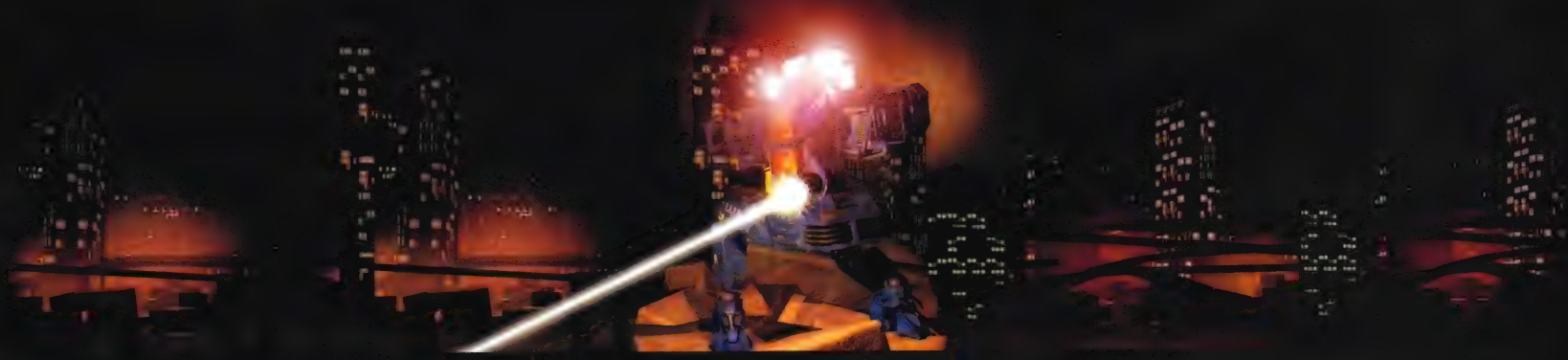
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TOCA 2

Time to dust off those 'rally' puns. TOCA 2's coming and it looks 'rally' good...

If you spent countless waking hours working fingers to the bone on TOCA numero uno, you'll know what to expect from its sequel: yup, this baby is super-fine-looking rallying on the edge. You're gonna get to race whatever the weather: slip-slidin' stormy or sure footed sunshine. But the elements are only the half of it...

Info freako

So, Nigel Mansell? Three kids, lives in Devon and he was born in Upton on Severn. Thanks for asking. The in-game info in TOCA 2's so in-depth even mega-spods'll probably complain: that said, the info on how to tackle the roughest corners'll go down a storm. Combine that with infinitely customisable

motors and you got plenty scope for the appliance of science...

Two's company

As well as the individual championships and single races on the slim chance you'll get bored there'll be a bundle of one-on-one action including a two-player link-up, battle modes and two player championships to contend with. It's also got seven new cars and eight new circuits including a test track.

The racing is awesome. New cars, new tracks and new rally challenges are going to make this hot to look at and damn near perfect to drive. This sequel could more than equal its predecessor.



- 1 Slipping on Skid Row 2 There's a joke here about going round the bend 3 You are the pits...
- 4 Check out the crash damage on the last two cars 5 There're mad new views from inside the cars
- 6 Driving in all shitty weather 7 Which is bad for handling 8 Scenery's cool 9 Nice bridges
- 10 Keep your eyes on the road 11 Your hands on the wheel 12 More pooney weather 13 Grid skid

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'Handle bloody hard corners and
bloody-minded opponents'

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY VIRGIN ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

VIVA Football

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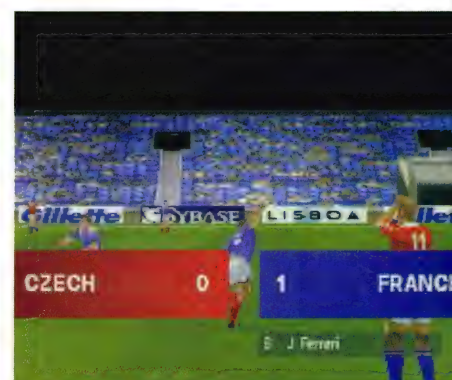
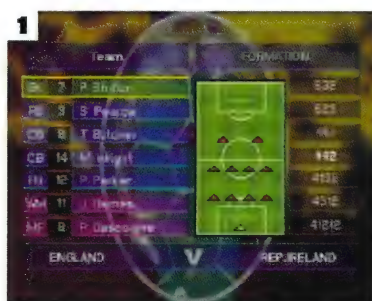
No, we're not talking about Beckham's bird's song. We're looking at an official football fiesta. Choose any country, any year, and kick off your own World Cup dream team. Play a friendly or set out to win the lot. Yep, this is your chance to coach your team to football

super stardom. And let's face it, you're no man if that's not your complete idea of heaven on earth.

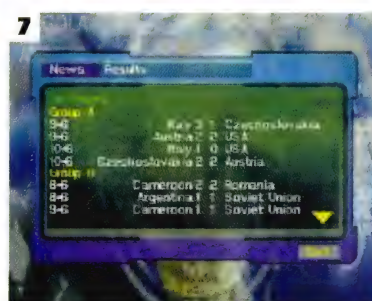
Not yet, but soon...

It's not finished yet but from what we've seen, if you're a football madman than you'll go berserk for it. However, we could do with a few more views and moves, but what we've seen is still in the early stages.

plus *Masses of potential, but we'll have to wait and see if it turns out to be a Brazil with loads of talent or a complete USA...*



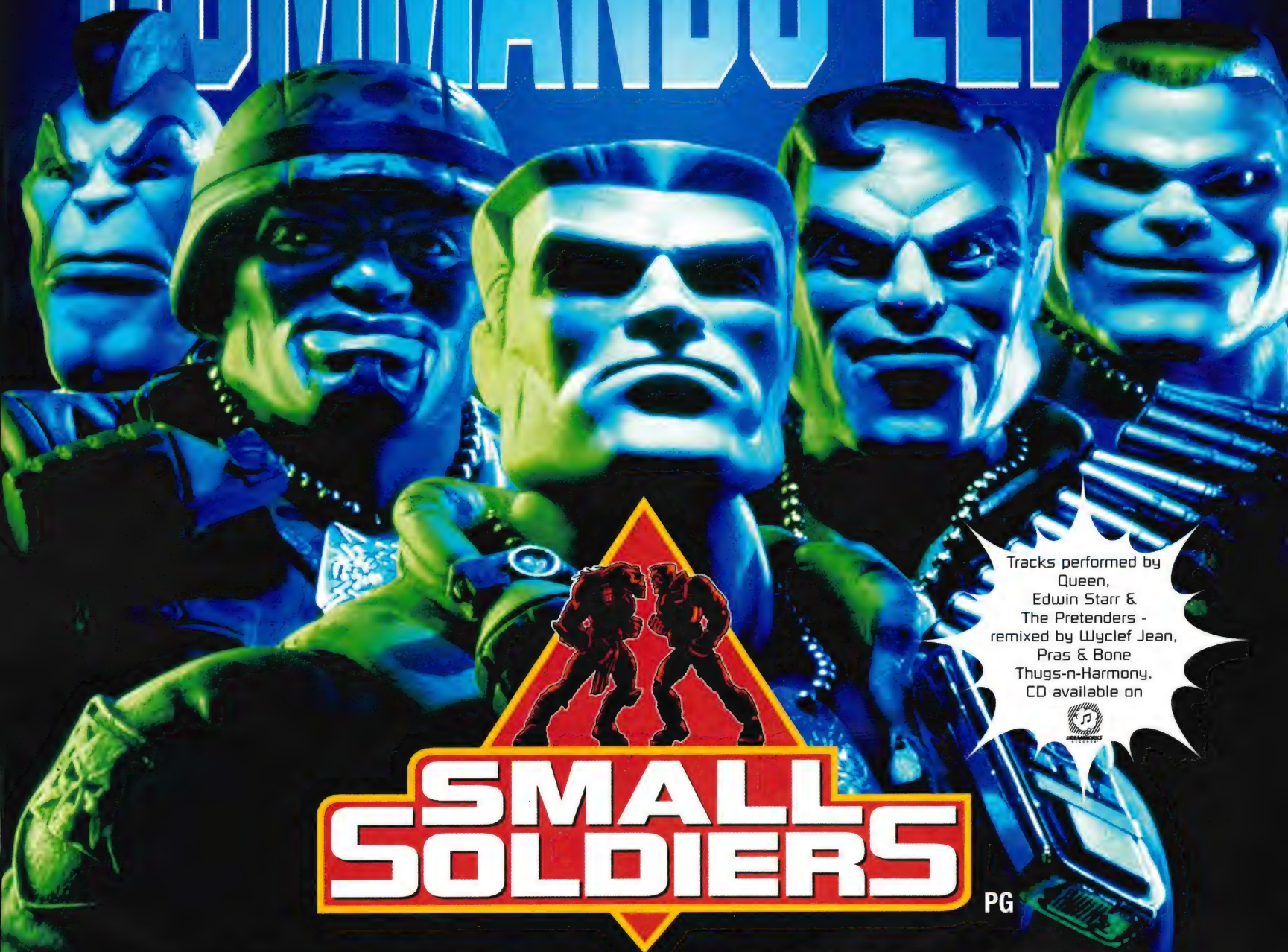
■ World so-called heavyweights slug it out



1 As the players warm up the stadium goes wild
2 Go on Gazza, hit it in the box! **3** England's back four: solid as a rock **4** Shoot, shoot you fool! **5** It is truly the beautiful game, is it not?
6 If your players don't deliver then you know what to do... **7** Check the table to find out whether you qualify... it's still all to play for
8 Townsend shows you his backside **9** Lineker booked? Leicester's finest was always above that sort of thing **10** And in the English corner...
11 The French invade the Czech defences...

■ Follow the large red arrow to score. S'easy...

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Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver *update*

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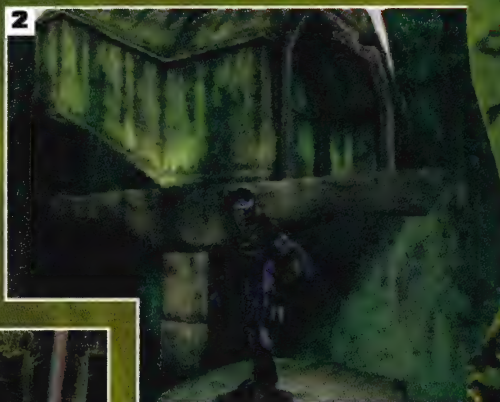
When Mr Raziel sits down in the pub for a Bloody Mary, odds are she was probably pulling pints behind the bar five minutes before. And Raziel's the good guy. Nobody's nice in Soul Reaver. But nobody. The 'baddie', Kain, is a soul-sucking über-vamp who's rather partial to a snifter of the red stuff. Raziel's boss, the Elder, is even nastier. He's this underworld god who sits in some dank shithole snacking on human souls. See? Nobody's nice...

Clever stuff

Raziel's one angry bloodsucker. Cue mucho vamp-slicing and soul-eating as he builds up powers to take on Kain at his own game.

He'll also be able to talk to other vamps and convert 'em to the cause of the Elder. Clever Raziel'll slip into a spirit world where time doesn't exist, opening up new routes and avoiding dangers. And death ain't the end for Raziel: lose enough energy and you go spiritside — kill a couple of spirit vampires to gain energy, and it's game on again...

☞ The first Legacy of Kain had cockhands of atoms, but didn't have the graphical oomph to back it up. This one looks the business. Coming your way soon...



1 Kain had been visiting the 'goth' section of Habitat regularly 2 Nice mask, Raziel. In fact, nice name 3 Morphing into the spirit world looks well sexy 4 See? Nice blue bits 5 Raziel envied Kain his stone-carving skills...

'Raziel is one nasty
bloodsucker...'

■OUT FEBRUARY ■BY THQ ■PLAYERS 1-4
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Shaolin

So you fancy a fight? Put 'em up then,
because the odds are stacked against you...

The one glaring problem with beat 'em ups are they're not very realistic.

There's none of this one-on-one in real life. Down the local on a Saturday night, you take a pop at someone and you can bet your ass his mates will step in and deck you. Well Shaolin's gonna set the record straight, with some full-on four-player brawls. Cool.

February time. There's gonna be a quest mode in the finished game, allowing you to build up your character as you go along. And there's plenty of different fighters, loads of martial arts styles and a nifty four-player mode where you and three mates settle your arguments over a console fight.

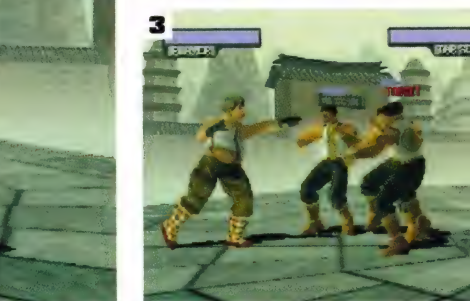
(PLUS) *Shaping up to be a top beat 'em up. Could be a little too hardcore for most people, though.*

Kung-Fu fightin'

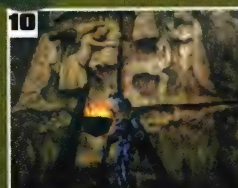
Kick off by choosing your fighter and the style of martial arts you want him to practise on the other geezers. Then you're chucked into a ring with three others who proceed to smash your face in unless you can master the ancient wisdom of Shaolin. There are shitloads of moves, combos and aerial attacks to learn.

Four play

There are some cool ideas in Shaolin which could make this game a winner come



1 All of the moves are real hard
2 Check 'em out... the lady's bits wobble
3 He maybe a big fat get, but he's hard as nails
4 Three blokes and one girl... what's going on here then, eh?
5 They all have energy bars over their heads, just like in real life
6 'The crane' move - made famous in the 80s movie, The Karate Kid
7 Check it out, even his beer gut moves



● The bats have left the belltower
● The victims have been bled
● Scary monsters...
● And supercreeps
● It'll make your blood boil...

■ OUT DECEMBER ■ BY INFOGRADES ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

C3 Racing

Not another 'Station racing game?

Odd name for a motoring game, C3 Racing. But it's a sight more catchy than Car Constructors Championship Racing, eh? Not that it really makes much difference, 'cos with Gran Turismo already out there, any other drive 'em up is pretty much dead in the water. But does that stop the boffins churning out one after a-bleedin' other? Nope. 'Fraid not.

It's different

But this one's different. For starters there're shitloads of cars and there's the championship and arcade modes, two-player option, shedloads of tracks and car stats. Er... so not too different then.

C3P0 Racing!

C3 Racing ain't shaping up too badly. The handling is a bit on the dodgy side, but the graphics are pretty cool...

This version is a bit ropery, but could turn out alright. No promises though.



■ Sure, it's yellow. But that was all they had...



1 Looks a bit like Colin McRae Rally 2 The Ford Puma sucks! 3 Overtaken by a Nissan Micra... the embarrassment! 4 Pretty impressive tunnel action 5 Racin' on The Great Wall of China 6 That bastard cut me up 7 Ooops! Laggin' behind the field 8 Cool reflective effects 9 Nice wheels man 10 The two-player game's a good laff

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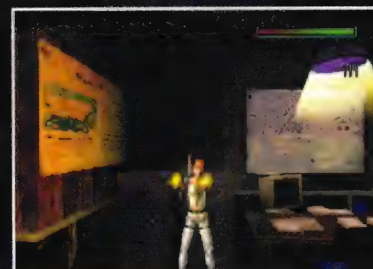


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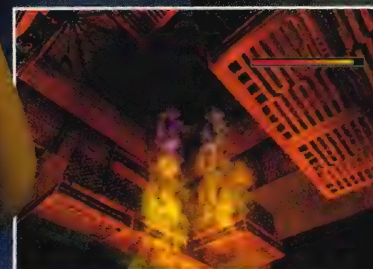
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■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY EIDOS ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

■ Comin' atcha: Bigger bangers mean bad news for Bonzo...



■ No-one was getting inside Lara's drawers...



■ All she needed was a little more space

update Tomb Raider 3

She with the cup size that goes off the scale is back. Better get the Kleenex in now.

Game over, Rover! Blam! Gurgle. Yup, the gal dogs love to hate, numero uno mutt-murderer Ms Lara Croft, is back in town. And the pooches better get their heads down, 'cos this time she's gonna be tooled with a whole new set

gonna be just a case of new graphics icing on the Tomb cake: this 'un's gonna be a return to the classic Tomb 1 style of play, with plenty o' puzzles to get your teeth into. But that's not to say there won't be plenty shooting. And mucho dog-killing...

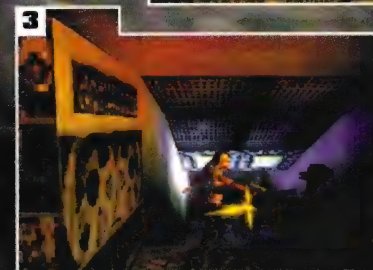
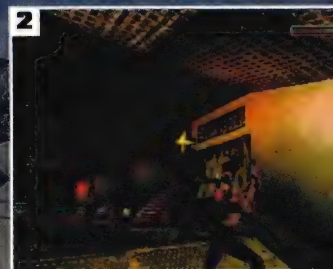
'A return to the classic style of play: plenty of puzzles, shooting and dog killing...'

of weapons including hand grenades. Get whimpering, Fido. Warn your chums.

She's no dog

Check out these new screenshots. Mmm, mmm. Those programming fellas down at Tomb Central ain't been idle. But it isn't

It looks very much like there's gonna be more raw gameplay in this one than there was in Tomb 2. And the new look cosied up for part three is totally rock-solid. The more we see of this one, the more we like it. You ain't gonna be disappointed Croft fans.



1 And all because the lady loves... to slay 2 They're all going to be gunning for you 3 Told you. They come at Lara from all angles 4 Even from behind when you're climbing the walls... 5 The backgrounds and graphics are looking sweet as anything in TR 3

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY PSYGNOSIS ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Psybadek

This ain't your standard meat 'n' two veg boarding game, dude.

Most games take themselves too seriously. Not Psybadek. If racing around cartoons on hoverboards kicking cutesy ass doesn't sound like fun, you need your head examined.

Radical dude

So you're with your crew, when the evil Krakken turns your posse into robotic soldiers. You've gotta get on your deck and rescue 'em. There's no shortage of stuff to do, with snowboarding races, stunt events and stuff to collect to help free your mates.

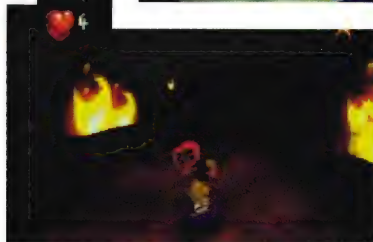
In your face, man

Psybadek certainly looks the mutz nutz and it's got the cool beats of Bentley Rhythm Ace and David Holmes for you to rock out to.

plus Could be a good laff with loads to do – not just the snowboarding.



■ Can't... avoid... giant... snowboots... Aaaieee!



1 Mind the penguins! 2 Mind the trees 3 Shoot evil penguins
4 Nice special effects 5 Looks like Spice World 6 Is it hot in here?
7 Who sponsors this? 8 Speed up for the jump 9 Explore the ruins

■ OUT DECEMBER ■ BY SONY ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Libero Grande

The weird-ass arcade footy game makes it to the 'Station!

Jeez, the French. Ronaldo had a bleeding fit just before the big match and so the garlic-chomping, onion-stinking frogs managed to bang in a few lucky goals and win the World Cup. Bastards. And while we're on football, here's a new footy game for your 'Station.

Loadsa bollocks

Libero Grande has all the usual stuff you'd expect to find in any footy game, with a shitload of stats, various championships and masses of kicks, passes, headers and all the rest of it. The graphics are as cool as a polar winter and smoother than a baby's arse. Fair enough.

Solo fun only

What makes it different is you can't play as an entire squad. You've got to choose just one bloke and stay with him. This makes for a more tactical game of footy, as you can't just invade the other half and stick one in the back of the net. You've got to slowly build-up to the goal, calling the ball when you want it, passing it to your team mates and banging one in when you're in a good position. Just like the real thing.

plus It's looking good and could be a real winner. The different play to other footy games and the fact that eight of you can play make this a cut above...



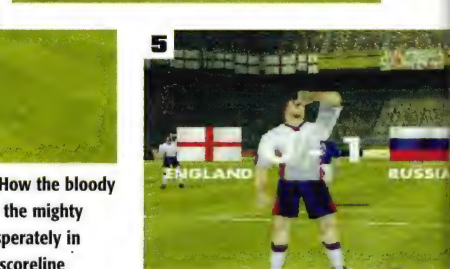
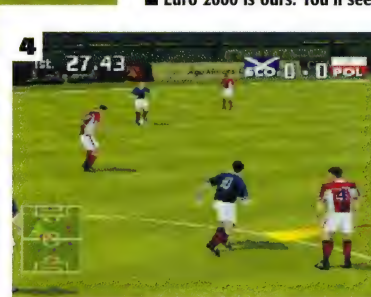
■ Libero Grande could be a winner



1 Old carrot top himself, Paul Scholes 2 France eh? How the bloody hell did they manage to win the World Cup? 3 How the mighty have fallen. Brazil are now officially crap 4 The 'desperately in need of a good striker' Scottish team 5 An unlikely scoreline



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■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY GREMLIN ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Pool

Pot black. That was the kettle talking, though...

Just how lazy do you have to be to play this one? We can see why you might think 'Oh sod going down the park to play football, I'll crack out a footy game on me 'Station'. Ditto for exterminating mutant zombies. But when a red-blooded man thinks 'Sod heading down the pub with my mates to

pot a couple of frames...' he's got to be sick in the head...

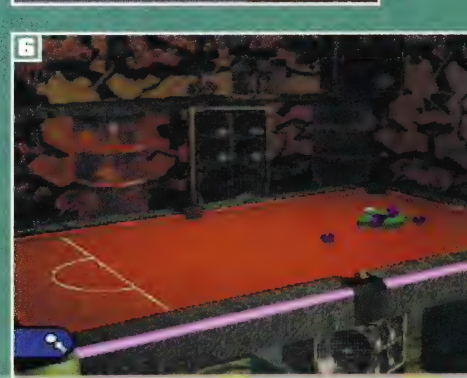
Too pool for school!

But this looks like it's gonna hustle with the best. There're all sorts of pool: Yankee pool, British pool, two player pool and all played by blokes called Slim Chance and Fat Vince...

PLUS Could be a laff. If you're right lazy...



1 Odd-coloured Yankee tables **2** British pool: how we like it **3** Go on Yank. Do your worst **4** The balls move sweetly **5** But not after you miss a real sitter **6** Bad pool hustlers often come here...



■ OUT JANUARY ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Deep Blue

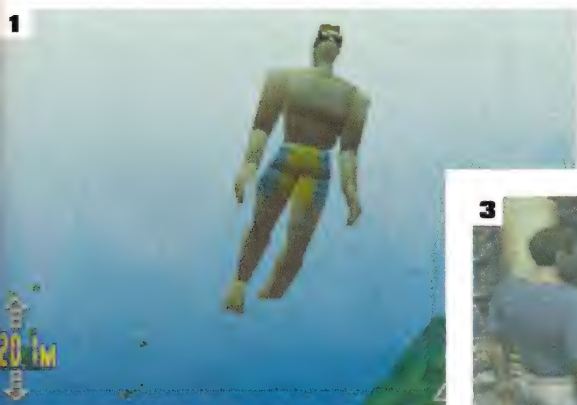
An entire game about swimming? It's time to practise your breast stroke...

So, here's the deal. You're a diver looking for the sunken ship Matilda. Deep in her belly lie all kinds of treasures and goodies. There're only two small problems. You haven't got a clue where the bloody ship is and you're flat broke. So team up with a pensioner called Roberto and go search the seven seas for any kind of shite to sell off to finance your search.

The sea, the sea!

The controls are surprisingly smooth and so is the gameplay. With a limited air supply and all sorts of nasties gagging to send you to Davy Jones's locker, this is looking like it could be a high-adrenalin little beast as well...

PLUS Mucho swimming. Could be mucho watersport fun.



1 So, it's all about swimming **2** You tackle the odd shark, or they, er, tackle yer tackle... **3** When you need money, flog some crap to this mean git

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FIFA 99

Another FIFA game? Yup. Shaddup and don't complain, wiseass...

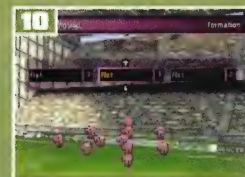
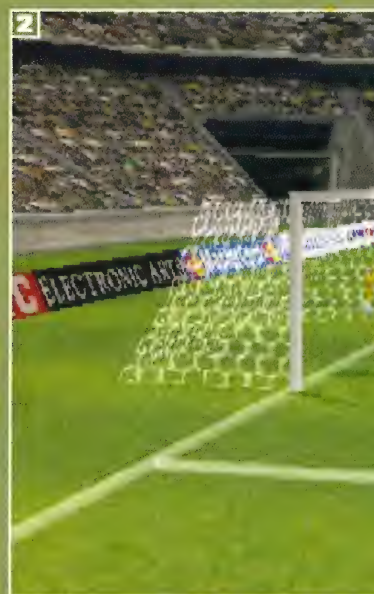
More footy games than is remotely reasonable are trying to sneak into your Christmas stocking. Most of 'em, you'll want to beat off with a shitty stick, but this fella, follow-up to the super-slick and ultra-playable World Cup 98 looks like it might deserve a nice snug berth in the bottom of that big sock o' yours...

And why?

Speeeeee's the name of the game. They've beefed up response time, animations and stuff so the game goes like a vazzed-up Ferrari. Maybe not faster than a speeding bullet, but almost certainly faster than most speeding footballers. And playable? Yup. It's so instinctive even the mentally subnormal

can join in the fun. Also in there are all your fave league clubs, and the chance to make up your own leagues. Peachy.

plus *This isn't a whole nu deal, but if you're looking for supreme playability and the chance to go like shit off of a steam-powered shovel, look no further...*



1 Limber up lads 2 Shearer in interesting goal shock 3 That looks just like a Leicester strip to us 4 Another professional footballer goes for his Equity membership 5 Man, they get into some scrapes 6 FIFA's three-legged race never got off the ground 7 Scored! 8 Filbert Street 9 Hop to it 10 11 Floating players 12 Oh God! It's Ince!

Michael Owen's World League Soccer 99

More tasty graphics. More modes. More moves. And it's Michael Owen's now...

If you're looking for the chance to curl your lip in derision at other PlayStation owners, look no further than the box with Michael Owen's grinning baby face on it. Y'see, WLS 99's gonna be a tad fiddly for you joeys out there, but there'll be bagloads of footy depth in there. Like, loads. Buy this 'un, and insist your mates call you 'Daddy'...

Room for one more?

Why punish your bank balance for yet another footy game? Just because, OK? And

this 'un's looking like a right bright little button. Fancy super-special high-resolution new looks? Mmm. Tasty. A new easy-to-play arcade mode? Tastier. And over 25 new moves for the super-detailed way-hard-to-play sim mode? Tastiest. Yessir, we sho' is looking forward to this.

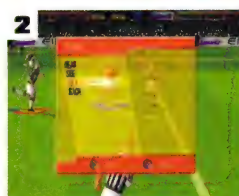
Q&A Graphics are looking well peachy, and it seems like they've built on the rock-solid gameplay in the first World League Soccer to make it even better...



■ Look! Look! Look! It's Michael Owen



■ And this is where I'd like the ball to go...



1 Toffees go one up 2 Multiple play options are the order of the day 3 The Toon's offside trap needed some work... 4 Tackle 'im!



■ The mighty Foxes about to score



REWING
REWING
REWING
UP

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TOURING CARS

Codemasters

■ OUT SPRING 99 ■ BY PSYGNOSIS ■ PLAYERS 1-4
 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, LINK CABLE

Rollcage

Why do they call it Rollcage? It's cockney rhyming slang for road rage. Check it out...

Driving and violence in games go together like, well, beer and fags for one. And Rollcage puts them together just so with a healthy dose of gut wrenching, G-force inducing death-fest action.

Low-slung fun

We're talking motors you can flip and keep driving: virtually indestructible and stoopidly fast. You can drive up walls and tunnels, and even the ceiling, we're talking the type of G-forces that turns your nose inside out.

Mobile demolition

It takes a psycho to get ahead in this game. Aspiring Rollcagers can noble enemies by pranging buildings and sending them a concrete hat. Or howzabout ramraiding your way to victory? Sound tasty? Yep, and that's before you start snaffling the shitloads of weapons left carelessly lying around. Nice.

Should be brain-on-hold button bashing, and a welcome addition to the death and drive gang.



■ Have no fear, this sucker's glued to the road



■ Yep, you're right, it's driving us up the wall



1 One of those suckers gonna be toast 2 See, told you so 3 It's hard as hell to tell if you're the right way up. But frankly, who cares?

■ OUT SPRING 99 ■ BY CRYSTAL DYNAMICS ■ PLAYERS 1
 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Gex 4: Deep Cover Gecko

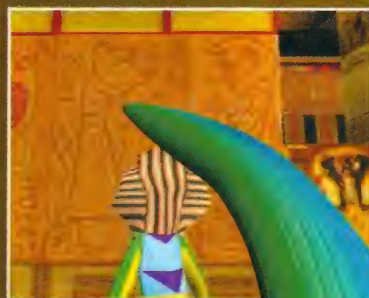
The groovy gecko struts back onto the 'Station. Looking mighty fine, Mr Gex...

Gex 4 is the third Gex game. Don't ask. The first one was a 2D platform game with a lizard in. It was also one of the vilest lumps of clag ever to slither out of Satan's starfish. The second one, Gex 3D, was a 3D platformer with a lizard in. It was ice cool. All sorts of levels, loads to do, and graphics calculated for max baby batter spillage. And this 'un looks like being more of the same. Coolio.

Posh Spice

Last time round, Gex was an upper crust cad-type gecko with the kind of cut-glass accent that makes us reach for our Stanley knives. This time, he's gonna be a bit more James Bond-esque, and he's even got a Moneypenny, Agent Xtra, who's gonna be voiced by a Baywatch beauty. Nice. And our double-0 lizard's gonna be rocking through Western-themed levels, Egyptian temples and all sorta shit. Extra cool.

The last Gex was a total 3D punch and with new scenarios and adventures we've got high hopes for this blla...



■ Gex with a silly head on



■ See? Silly! Silly! Silly!



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Nice threads, you nelly reptile you



My. What a big lizard you've got there. Pirate Gex. Yo ho ho
 Ho, ho, ho, ho. Now Gex gets to ride a silly horse. See?
 That silly horse in full. Ditch the hat, twat. Another silly horse.
 A lizard horse. Gex with his new Egyptian hat on. It's where
 the smart money's going this season

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY GREMLIN ■ PLAYERS 1-2
 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Actua Golf 3

Calling all swingers. Swap your wife for a joypad. NOW. It's time for another round...

Golf. The final frontier. Loved the world over by gentle folk who swear by its arthritis-soothing properties and its corinthian spirit, ahhh lovely. More reasons to be cheerful come by way of the release of Actua Golf 3, which takes armchair golfers into a whole new world of realism and gameplay. My God, even down to the colour of your golfing slacks – deep.

Can you twat the ball hard?

It may still be golf but that doesn't mean it can't be improved. It's got eight new courses, better screen resolution and spanking new game styles. It also boasts clouds, mountains, moving water and swaying trees. Best bit

though is the easy new control system using the Dual Shock's sticks to swing back and hit the ball. Revolutionary or wot?

plus For the serious clubber this may well be the bollocks...



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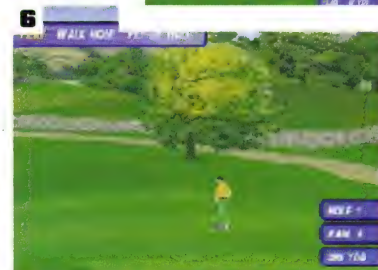
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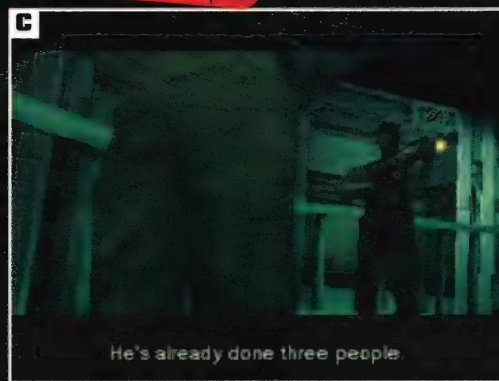
1 Looks easy? Well it ain't 2 Just swing dem hips baby 3 That's you in the yellow 4 Just dig the view
 5 Power bar ago go 6 A man alone with his thoughts, how fecking dull 7 We can't see the ball either

■ OUT FEBRUARY ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Metal Gear Solid

You could be playing this game by the time you read this...

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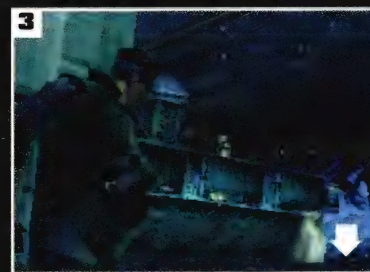


You want this like nothing else on earth. Well y'know, you could be SAS-ing it up right now. The demo of Metal Gear Solid that comes with ISS Pro 98 gives a fine taster of this über-game, but in case you ain't got the cash to splash, here's what to expect.

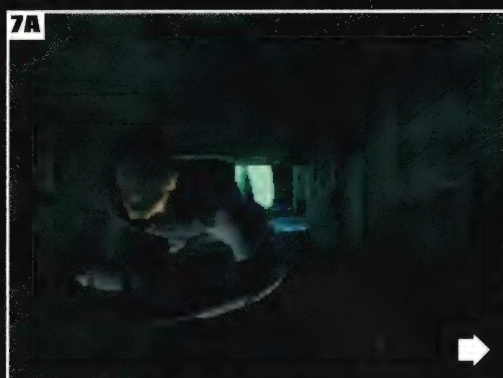
Rock solid Snake

Solid Snake is the hardest game character ever. Fact. He starts off inside a torpedo, fired towards his target destination. He then swims up the base and prepares to take on an entire army. Using just his fists. Whatta guy.

A See a guard with an exclamation mark above his head, you've got two options: shoot or run! **B** Ammo's tight in this game so make sure every shot counts **C** Snake's reputation as a lust overlord has obviously preceded him. The guards are already talking about his conquests by the time he turns up...

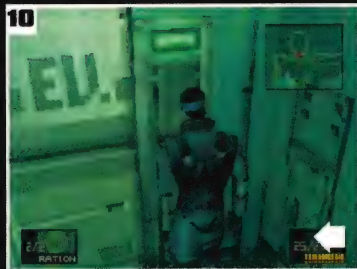
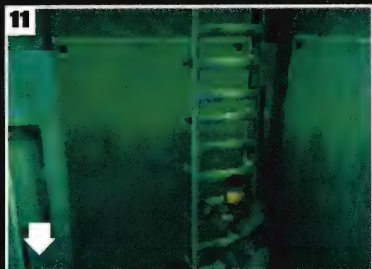


1 She-ite! Guards all around, but if Snake sticks to the shadows he's outta there in seconds **2** The only way out is the elevator. If them grunts spot Snake he's dead meat, so he's got to stay in the dark **3** Snake must find a way inside the nuclear base. Best wait for the gunship to do a runner first, though

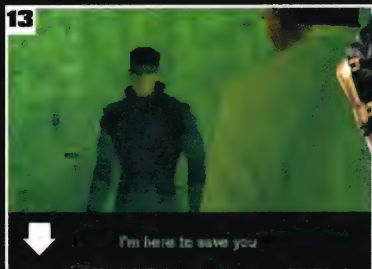


Alternatively

4 See the radar in the corner? It displays enemy guards and the security camera so use it. Lots **5** Either dodge the camera or lob in a chaff grenade to jam the electronics **6** Time to party as Snake grabs the Socom pistol from the back of the truck **7A** There are two ways in. Either use the ventilation shaft to the side of the main entrance **7B** Or go up the stairs, bagging the trooper and then sneaking through the top shaft



8 Two monster tanks and a couple of armed guards. Looks like the weapons bay is no place for an intruder... 9 But as long as you stick close to the walls and outta sight of the cameras, you'll make it to the elevator, no probs 10 Typical. Just when you need the lift, some bastid on the 50th floor calls it first 11 It ain't safe in these here halls 'cos there are guards all over the shop. Time to disappear into the vent shafts once more...



12 C'mon Snake, you're here to save some big cheese, not check out the local talent 13 He's the guy you're looking for. Soon as you drop into this room, he blabs about some secret project... 14 Then drops down dead. Looks like you're on your own from now, son

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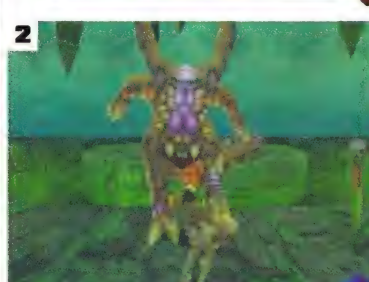
■ C'mon, put your heart into it...



■ It's a sinister parcel of vinegar rice in seaweed



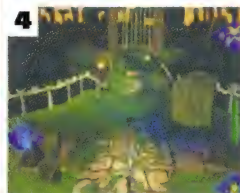
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4 What's behind the green door? 2 A fucking big monster 3 Kick him good 4 Try that way... 5 Or maybe not...



5 Or maybe not...

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY CRYSTAL DYNAMICS ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Akuji the Heartless

Someone's gone and stolen your heart. And it's not 'cos they love you...

You've just had your heart ripped right out of your chest by your evil brother. It wasn't anything personal, y'understand: he just needed to borrow it to summon up some dark spirits from the terrifying realms of voodoo...

You heartless bastard

And how're you going to right this terrible wrong? This is a videogame, right? Kill every voodooed-up weirdo that you see. For several hours. Wrong righted. Zang.

Same old thang

So, don your armoured underwear and set off to fight the good fight and get back what's

rightfully yours. This is another Tomb Raider type thang. But then that's hardly some kind of criticism.

Crazy creepy crawly

Crawl on your belly, jump across chasms and lash out with fiery death. If it moves, it dies. Only the good will survive – largely thanks to you killing everything in range of your murdering stick. Murder! It's big! It's fun!

plus Super slick graphics combined with a badass evil story line. It's got all the makings of a classic, so start yer saving. This could well be an essential purchase.



■ Lovely bubbly

■ Paris, London and Milan... They're all sporting masks, the bloodied look and skull belts this season



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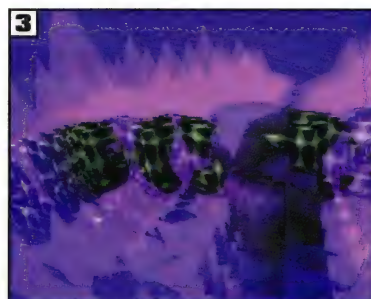
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Music

This baby's gonna be your chance to up your cool rating and make the ladies moist by using thousands of samples to whip up your own 'crucial dance cuts'.

It's all well easy to use, and the sounds are ice cool: pretty soon you'll be mixing up dance toons, making your own riffs and generally wondering why you've been paying inflated prices for undertalented wankers to do exactly what you can do in your living room easy as pie.

This game is gonna totally rock. You'll be able to make choice choons on a triphop or drum n' bass 'tip' (God, we know all the happening words), or switch to house, techno or ambient if that's your thang. And there's whispers that you might even be able to send off your memory cards and get your majestic works burnt on to like a real audio CD. Bye-bye day job...



1 Music even provides the visuals for the tracks you're laying down... **2** Here's one we burnt earlier, looking and sounding mighty fine **3** Find your way around the first PlayStation music making machine **4** Then watch it on screen...

G-Police 2

Out: Feb By: Psygnosis

More 3D future cop shenanigans. And the punks on the street had better watch their asses – this time the death penalty's coming hot and fast out of more than just one puny attack chopper. Tanks and badass robots are gonna join in the fray. No mercy, perp. Blam!



No hiding from the biggest of brothers

FA Manager

Out: December By: Eidos

Brian Moore may have retired from football commentary but his voice will still be heard on PFA Soccer Manager, the new management game for the PlayStation. The game promises to have the last word in player detail, coming as it does with the full endorsement of the Professional Footballers Association. Expect playability plus some ace 3D action sequences.



You've got more stats than Motty on a good day...

Spurs vs Saints? Not a game we'd rush to see

OUT DECEMBER BY SONY

Crash Bandicoot 3

Stop the press! Crash Bandicoot 3 is looking like it's gonna kick ass, even more so now that the boffins at Sony have got wise to the flaws in the lovable marsupial's previous adventures. While the basic hole jumpin' and apple grabbin'

formula is gonna remain the same, this one'll allow you to explore the 3D-esque levels much more than before. Which we reckon is a mighty fine thing.



More strange fruit for the Bandicoot...



And more strange lands to find it in



OUT SPRING 99 BY ELECTRONIC ARTS

Dungeon Keeper 2

The first Dungeon Keeper didn't make it to the PlayStation. Shame really, because by all accounts it was a top-notch strategy game. However, the sequel (and word is, it's even better than the first one) will be coming at you early next year and we've got the inside information.

You get to be the evil Keeper in the title, controlling every aspect of your dark and dingy dungeon. Mining for gold, creating fiendish torture chambers, training your monsters and building evil temples are just a handful of the jobs you've got to do. 'Course the real fun lies in slaughtering the hordes of innocent prisoners, which'll no doubt have MPs doing their nut. It's early days yet, but we reckon this could be a winner...



1 Come on then Mr Keeper, rack 'em up **2** They done the crime, you're the punishment

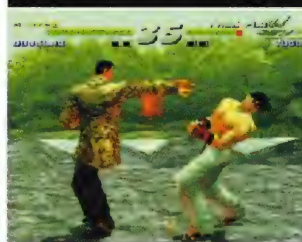


Kensei: Sacred Fist

Out: Spring 99 By: Konami

This is another tasty little fisticuff-based morsel coming your way early next year. Kensei has all sorts of people hitting each other in the the tender and

hurty bits of their bodies for your entertainment and pleasure. And controls and graphics are smoooooth beyond belief. You're going to like this one.



That's for dissing my jacket...



And that's retaliation

KKnD2

Krush, Kill & Destroy 2, the sequel to the original PC game promises to inject a little humour and instant playability into the realm of strategy games. The lowdown is that it's a post-apocalyptic hell hole, and you're stuck in Australia, either fighting as the survivors or the 'Evolved'. That's humans vs mutants to you and me...



■ Aussie rules: time to rough up the colonies

Cool Boarders 3

■ Out: Dec ■ By: Sony

Looking better than ever. There's now more stuff to fiddle with than ever, more stunts, a cooler-than-cool split screen mode, and the mountains you whizz down are raw sex. Especially the one called Devil's Butt. Snarf snarf.



■ Fancy riding into Satan's crevice?

NFL Blitz

■ Out: Nov ■ By: GT

The problem with American football games is that nobody outside of the US has a clue how to play them. Not even us. But if you're one of the minority who has a vague understanding of what it's all about, NFL Blitz might just be your thing.



■ Half back, three throw, gridiron, two down

OUT DECEMBER BY SONY

Tribal

Fight! Fight! Yup, it's another mano a mano firefest, but this time there's been a measure of chase-me chase-me tag antics stirred into the mix. Tribal's gonna be a weirdo futuristic fighter where a selection of thugs blast it out over big sci-fi buildings, racing each other to pick up powerups and get to teleports...



1 Feeling kinda blue 2 Golden globe's abound 3 First one to the blue tepee gets the powerup

SO YOU THOUGHT THE COUPON WAS HERE, SUCKER? WRONG! YOU'LL FIND IT ON PAGE 42

Release dates

Wanna know what's coming out when? No probs. Just check out our extensive list of release dates. But before you go rushin' off with da moolah, check with the shop. These dates have a nasty tendency to slip...

RELEASED	REVIEWED	RELEASED	REVIEWED
9 OCTOBER		3 NOVEMBER	
MediEvil	92% October 98	Livewire	
23 OCTOBER		6 NOVEMBER	
Duke Nukem: Time to Kill	89% October 98	NBA Live 99	
Pet in TV	60% November 98	Blasto	56% August
Spyro the Dragon	88% November 98	Lemmings Collector's Edition	
30 OCTOBER		13 NOVEMBER	
Brian Lara Cricket		Apocalypse	
Breath of fire 3	88% June 98	Michael Owen's World League Soccer	
Formula 1 98			
Tenchu	92% November	20 NOVEMBER	
Ninja: Shadow of Darkness	82% September	Test Drive 5	
NFL Extreme	71% November	Tiny Tank	
NFL Blitz		Tomb Raider 3	
Megaman Legends		Monaco Grand Prix	
San Francisco Rush	48% September 98	Psybadek	
Rival Schools		Music	
Pocket Fighter	79% October	Dodgem Arena	
Off Road Challenge		Asterix	
Small Soldiers		KKnD2	
Soccer Pro Manager		Knockout Kings	
Unholy War	89% October 98	Rat Attack	
X-Men vs Street Fighter	74% September 98	Cool Boarders 3	

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Tomb Raider script

Warning!! This may be total crap or it could ruin the Lara film for you...

We like a bit of Tomb Raider movie news round here. And here's the very latest...

The movie finally has a script and some folks on various net sites have read it. The script in question may not be the finished (or even authentic) article, but it's supposedly written by Brent V Friedman who penned the likes of Mortal Kombat: Annihilation, and is produced by Larry Gordon and Lloyd Levin who were behind the recent space shocker, Event Horizon.

Fool's gold

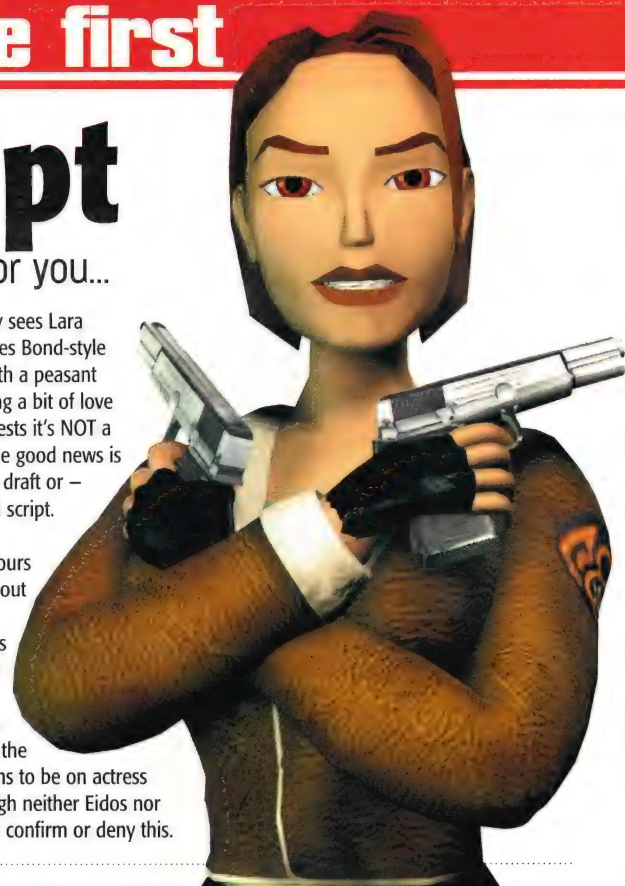
According to reports, Tomb Raider's story tries to keep as near as possible to the fast-paced excitement of the games. So Lara is once again searching for treasure. El Dorado is the name of the game. It's off to South America for the mystical City of Gold.



■ Jennifer Connelly: stare at her picture and hypnotise yourself. It really works!

The script apparently sees Lara relying on loads of James Bond-style gadgets, teaming up with a peasant sidekick and even having a bit of love interest. Early talk suggests it's NOT a good screenplay, but the good news is it could just be a rough draft or – more likely – not a real script.

● Meanwhile, the rumours continue to circulate about exactly who will play Lara. Sadly, there seems to be no truth in earlier reports that Plus favourite Carla Pivonski will don the shorts and the smart money now seems to be on actress Jennifer Connelly, though neither Eidos nor Paramount Pictures will confirm or deny this.



Cooling Station

Does your PlayStation keep heating up and skipping? This can be real problem, leading to back pain, depression and, sadly, alas, to suicide.

Luckily, a new gizmo is set to stop 'Stations getting all hot under the collar. The Nuby Cooling System is a foot pad that sits beneath the machine and cools it off by blowing air into it.

Alternatively, you could turn it off. But then again, nah...



■ Time to get cool with your console

PlayStation 2, sooner than we think

Rumours, rumours and more rumours...

■ According to sources, Sony's next console is mere months away in Japan. This latest information could send shockwaves through the videogame industry. If true, this may be an attempt by Sony to stop Sega's Dreamcast from gaining a strong entry into the market.

The latest information is that PlayStation 2 will land in Japan during April 1999, five months after Dreamcast, and could even be on US shelves by autumn next year. Claims that it'll be compatible with current PlayStation games are apparently true. At the moment we will have to wait and see...

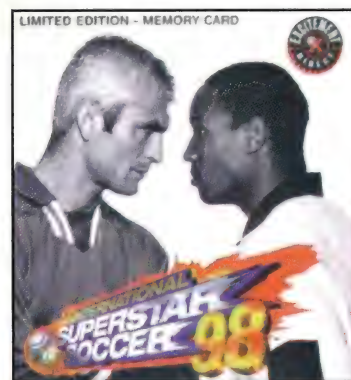
Sticker kit and card

Sticker shit, more like...

Too popular? Too many friends? Then maybe you should get yourself a PlayStation sticker kit...

Buy a sticker kit like the new ISS Pro 98 'limited edition' effort and watch those mates disappear. They'll think you're a right knob when they see your 'Station covered in a naff sticker and, oh, how they'll laugh when they find out you paid £9.99 for the pleasure.

Better still, shell out another £9.99 to buy an ISS Pro 98 memory card. One good thing, though: you get a fiver off the game if you stump up for both the sticker set and the memory card. Call 01993 844885 for details.



■ Memory card. Sticker kit not pictured

WILD 9 HAS LANDED

■ You've heard about Wild 9, right? The bitchin' game where you save the galaxy with the most powerful weapon ever?

Well, the brains behind the game have launched a badass competition. All the Phonesites along the number 9 bus route in London have been given a 'Torture Button'. With just one touch you're put in touch with the Evil Karn to battle for the prize of 9 Wild days in California.



■ Dial number 9 for one wild holiday

CHEAT YERSELF THIN

■ Games joeys foxed by the likes of Tekken 3, Dead or Alive and Soul Blade might want to check out the new Tekken 3 Cheatmaster. It comes in memory card form and will help those with limited hand-eye coordination find elusive moves and characters. It's currently available for £12.99 and will be followed by Cheatmasters for Final Fantasy VII, Gran Turismo, Resident Evil 2, Tomb Raider 2 and others. Check out our test in Gear next month.

■ Fancy something to cheat?



Top Twixer

Rajesh is the daddy now

■ The Twix Gamesplayer of the Year is being held in the Virgin Megastore in Oxford Street on October 24th. The game: Gran Turismo. The prize: £1,000 worth of PlayStation software. Judges will be

separating the geeks from the geezers over three laps of the Grand Valley circuit. Last year's prize was scooped by Rajesh Fatania, who steamed around Rage Racer's hairiest track. Get practising, and hopefully we can get a new winner...

Corporate Croft

Lara everywhere

If you fancy a fit and foxy chick lounging around your desk, the best chance you've got is the brand new range of Lara Croft goodies.

Croft's got her boat race on a PlayStation joystick, mouse mat, mouse and desk tidy, as well as a wrist rest (insert your own 'wrist rest' gag here) and CD holder done in a fetching Andy Warhol style.

The company responsible for this rampant Croftery is Micromania and they can be contacted on 01249 717030.

► Get your mitts all over Lara's consumables



PocketStation's here

PDA gizmo given name and date

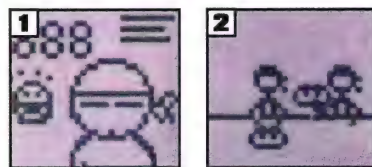
The Sony Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) has been christened the PocketStation and is set to hit shelves in Japan on December 23, with a European release to follow later.

Details for the PocketStation have also been announced and it's now been confirmed the gadget will slot into the PlayStation's memory card port and be powered by a watch battery. It'll be programmable, allowing users to download stuff from the PlayStation or other PocketStations, and will also have a 'bi-directional infra-red facility' which, in normal speak, means you can swap and trade information with other PocketStations.

The add-on – which will come in either white or crystal colours – will also have organiser abilities by incorporating a clock/calendar.

Not only will PocketStation users be able to use the gizmo with compatible PlayStation games, but 31 titles will be available specifically for it by spring next year.

One of those is almost certain to be Go! Pirates, pictured below, an RPG/Tamagotchi affair allowing the player to breed their own pirates. This game could use the infrared capabilities of the PocketStation meaning players could fight their pirates.



1 Pirates are Go! 2 The first game for your PDA

Other stuff

Bits we couldn't keep to ourselves

■ **Indiana Jones** will soon swing into action on the PlayStation. In Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine (snappy), Indy's got to stop a whole load of crazy Commies from building the ultimate weapon and, err, killing us all. We'll give you more details when we know them.

■ **The classic Arabian adventure Prince of Persia** (Runny jumpy-type thing. Been on just about every games machine ever) may be on its way to a 'Station near you. Rumbly are that the Prince and the year 1999 may go well together.

■ **Thrill Kill**, you may remember, is an ultra-violent beat 'em up. We like it, but sadly a big question mark's hanging over its future. At the moment, nobody's committed to getting it out on the shelves, with the probable reason being that its extreme violence is going to land someone in hot water with censors.

■ **In Montezuma's Return** you control Max Montezuma, daring adventurer, who's stranded

on a tropical island, with zombie-like ghouls aplenty hunting him down. Max's gotta restore the desecrated tomb of his ancestor to save the day and his own head.

■ **F1 98** is to feature a four-player mode. That's as long as you've got at least two PlayStations and three mates. Two drivers will race on each screen, but in the three-player mode one lucky geezer gets a full screen all to themselves. F1 98 should be out anytime soon...



■ On the grid for four-play fun

SONY GOES PLASTIC

■ **Citibank in America** have just released the new Sony Citibank Visa and Mastercard. The idea: get American's to spend, spend, spend. Everytime they use the card, they earn points that can be used towards buying PlayStation gear. The more dollars spent, the more points earned.

What can you get? Things like games and hardware; CDs and MiniDiscs from Sony Music labels and Sony electronic products. The Sony world takeover starts here.



■ I'm a card-carrying Sony fan

We want you

Get yourself a job

■ **Leading software types** Interplay are hunting down gamers to check out their products. The company is after testers aged between 14 and 26 who own either a PlayStation or N64 and want to get a sneaky peak into the development of forthcoming games.

Interested gamers will need to be able

to get to Interplay's HQ in Marlow, Buckinghamshire and in return they'll get a slap-up meal and copy of any game they work on.

Anybody interested should call 01628 423775 and leave their name, address, telephone number and they'll be contacted when the next testing opportunity comes up.



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wild west

present day





DUKE NUKEM TIME TO KILL

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PlayStation

That thinking feeling

'Oi! Out the car, dickweed!' It's how the geeza in *Grand Theft Auto* gets his motors, but what happens when you apply GameThink™ to everyday tasks? We got our guinea pig to test it out...

Kill. Pick up ammo. Kill again. Works fine for *Doom*, but as many inhabitants of wards for the criminally insane will tell you, it don't go down so well in the Real World. GameThink's being pumped into our weak minds on a tide of mindless, violent but quite entertaining videogames. 'Pull all levers! Search every bleedin' inch of those

featureless walls for secret doors! Pick up your battleaxe — it is time for the bloodletting!' Sheesh.

In a spirit of scientific inquiry, our guinea pig performed a few simple tasks using GameThink. Help or hindrance? Just take a guess. And don't try this at home, kids...

GRAND THEFT AUTO

YEA, it's convenient PlayStation-based career training for the young upwardly mobile heroin addict. Smash! Grab! Steal that motor! Smell that velour trim and plush leatherette finish! Steal more motors! Perform tasks for the Triads! Meet many interesting mustachioed men whose middle name is 'the knife'. Head on out again. Sigh. Time to steal MORE motors. So how does being a man of steal help when you're just popping down the boozie for a sharpener...?



■ Steal. Steal again. And again



1 Middle Class Ponce™ goes a-thieving. Oh fer Chrissake, don't bother with that granny-mobile...



2 That's nearer the pace. Mmmm. Feel your wang expand just from looking at it...



3 Or this tasty little number will do nicely. Go on! Do it! Be a Bad Man and get down the pub!



4 Oh for God's sake. That's not just a cardboard box on wheels, it's your own car! And don't think you can just shrug. Pussfag



■ Never argue with berserk ginger Jacks who want to nick your car. They're always right

THE MIX: Stuff you need to know

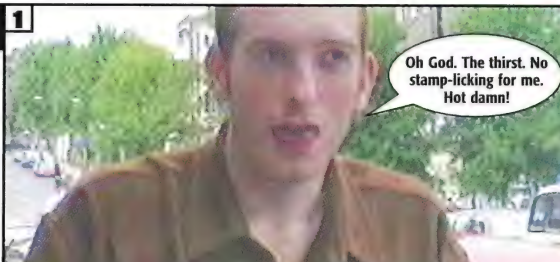
BROKEN SWORD

Broken Sword's an adventure game so abstract it's left people as sad, broken husks up and down the country.

All-American boy George Stobbart has to use an assortment of irritating household objects to thwart mad cultists. For George, even having a dump involves taking woodchippings, mulching them into pulp, rolling it into sheets to make impromptu 'bog roll' and then fabricating a shit office out of orange peel. So how's he gonna post a letter?



■ Point. Click. Puzzle. Hurt brain



Oh God. The thirst. No stamp-licking for me. Hot damn!

That phone bill has to go. Like, today. But – goddammit – our guinea pig has a dry tongue. He can't lick the stamp, poor devil



The stench from that moist buttcrack... it's overpowering!

First step to posting your letter's to nab a hammer off of this massively buttocked workman. Obvious, really



Now use the hammer to repair the door of the newsagents, thus putting the unfriendly shopkeeper in your debt...



And jump for joy as he oils the wheels of capitalist exchange with a can of Coca-Cola™. Presto. No more dry tongue! Now get posting...



Be safe. Gulp down that shrub. 'But it tastes nasty!' Be silent. 'Oh sorry, madam. This was your pot of begonias? My acquaintance needs them to heal his wounds...'



Christ. A ticket machine. Now what object could work that. Smash, perhaps? But the devilish machine is immune to the charms of finest potato slurry. Odd



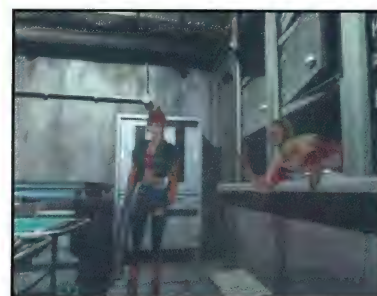
And perhaps this egg will open this door? Shit. It happened! Magic! And no, love. We're not nuts. We're high-powered magazine professionals doing our job, dammit!



Carrying a shitload of stuff up the tube stairs. The atmos gets nastier than Raccoon City on a heavy zombie night...

RESIDENT EVIL 2

Zombies! Fahsands of 'em! What to do? Standard practice in Raccoon City seems to be to load up with stoopid amounts of goods out of your 'Item Box', gobble vast handfuls of green foliage, and try to confront every obstacle with a barrage of random items. A door? Try a medallion, why don't cha? Will that make for a nice 'n' smooth tube journey into town from the famous zombie hotbed Kilburn High Road? Our tame ginger is about to find out.



■ Kill. Pick up object. Eat leaves

DOOM

Kill! Kill! KILL, DAMMIT! Thinking don't really come into it. Kill every mouldering mother that you get a sniff of, but be a clever lad and stock up bigstyle on those medipacks. Enough plasters to mummify Greater London should do it. And could there be a more hostile environment to test out that Doom ethic on than Oxford Street on a Saturday afternoon? Better hope Boots accept payment in shotgun shells...



■ Kill. Kill more. Eat first aid kit



Aaaaaiieeee! There's fahsands of 'em, sarge...



Time to beat a (tactical) retreat. Grab them medical supplies



The entrance seems to be guarded by a Mancubus



Forget him, head in for those supplies...

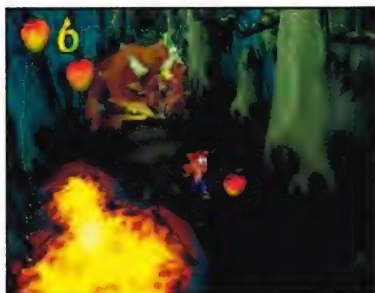


Ah. That's better. Now who wants some?

CRASH BANDICOOT

Run! No, faster, you pouch-toting piece of turd! Run fast! Avoid holes! Eat apples! Dodge anything that moves! Jump over things! Eat more of those sweet, sweet apples! Generally move like you've jacked up a complete lorry's worth of Pro Plus tablets! Christ. We're too old and tired for this kind of shit.

And we got a feeling Warp 10 speed orchard-fruit guzzling ain't gonna apply well to grocery shopping. Only time will tell...



■ Jump! Run! Consume fruit!



1. Now to buy the trimmings for Sunday dinner. Oh hang on. There's a crate. Banzai!



2. And there's something that would look nice next to my roast. Bollocks. Keep running...



3. Mind the hole, buttmuncher. Bandicoots hurdle holes, remember?



4. But it's all worth it when you see those apples fly. Shopping: nul points. Fruit throwing, though...



1. Swing, swing, swing. Hang on a tick, though. This isn't even on your way home...



2. The front door's obviously for wusses. Climb, budding Croft-ette!



3. And in through that window. No dogs to be busting caps into, though. Curses.



4. How to open that bedroom door. Handle? Oh for Chrissake, use your loaf. It can't be that obvious. Aimlessly pull nearby piles of cardboard boxes. That's better



5. A bed. You want to sleep. It seems simple. Yeah, too damn simple. Stay frosty. Climb into the secret bit under the bed to grab your shuteye. A secret area! Bonus!

TOMB RAIDER

It's the gal with 'huff mammary capacity to breastfeed away world hunger. The gal whose idea of fun's a tooled-up Supermarket Sweep-style slaughter through Battersea Dogs Home. Lara. She just can't be beat. So what's her game? It's all abaht pulling levers, pushing boxes, finding secret bits, innit? Open a door by the handle? You must be 'avin a larf! So how does Crofty's peculiar brand of abstract thinking mix with nipping home for a bit of kip?



■ Pull. Push. Twiddle lever. Kill dog

TEKKEN BALL

The stoopid secret kung-fu volleyball game in Tekken 3. The symptoms of it are five seconds of amusement. Followed by crushing boredom, despair and a feeling of total hopelessness. But is that balls-a-punching Tekken-balling spirit gonna spice up a trip out to catch a mouthful of scan? And how are the inhabitants of Chinatown gonna react to people playing with a beachball on a rainy October afternoon?



■ Bounce. Bounce. Bounce. Yawn



1. Out of my way! Impede my progress and pay, you Teutonic tourist worm



2. You want some more, you dog? Our fathers bled to keep your kind off these shores...



3. Strangely garbed one, admit me to your eating place...

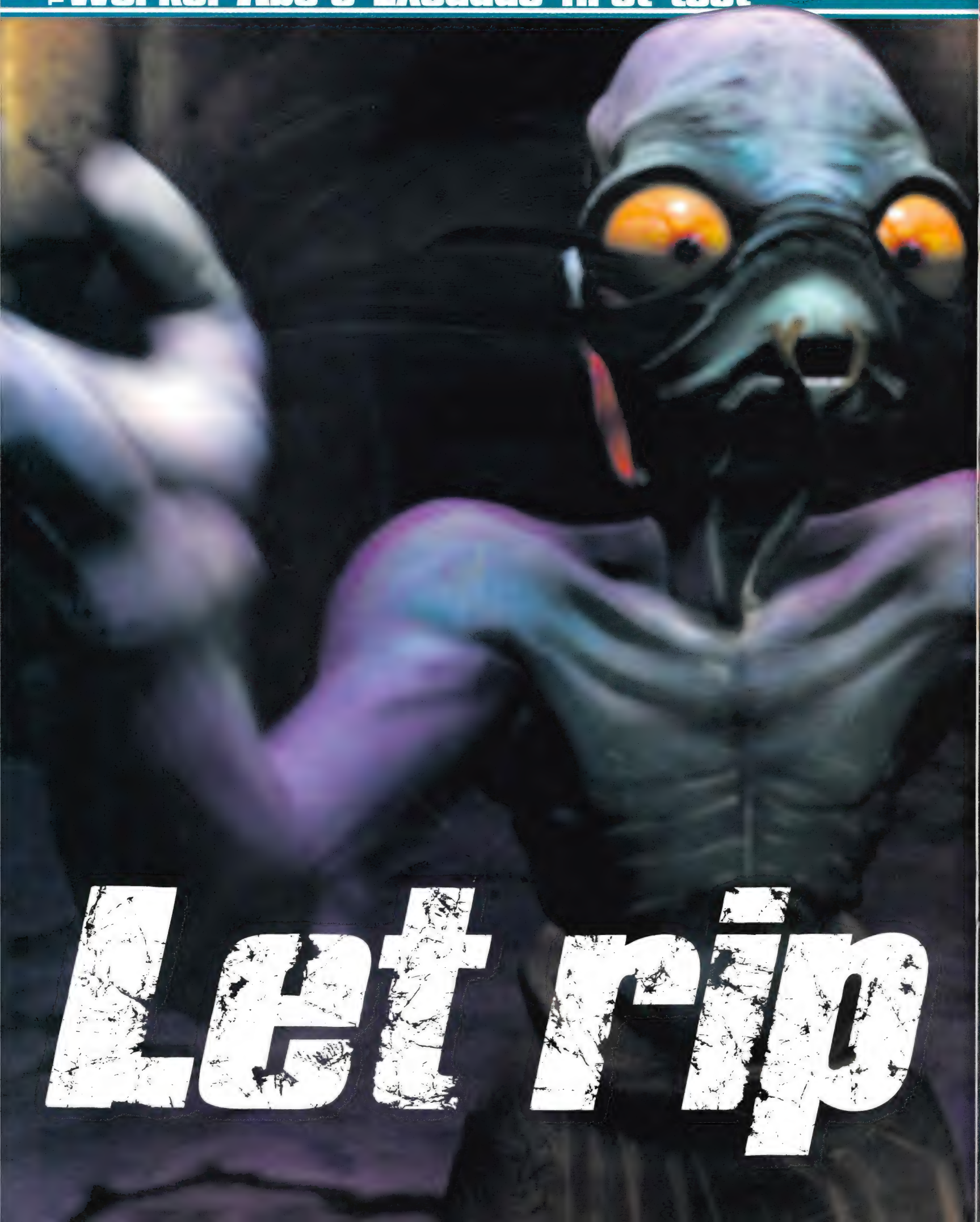


4. ... Or feel my ball-shaped wrath!



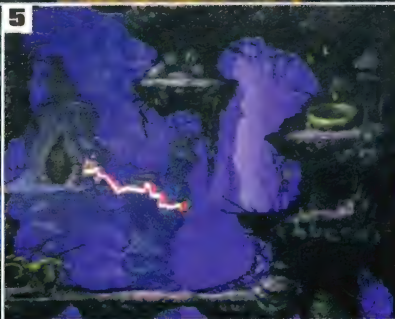
5. Phase Two. Hopelessness, boredom. Deep despair

The Works: Abe's Exoddus first test

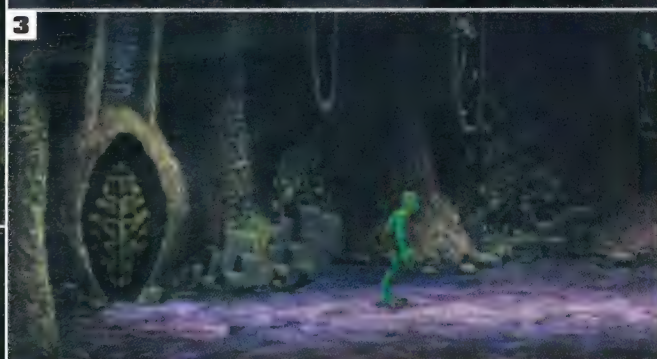


Let rip

You thought a game with exploding farts existed only in your dreams. You were wrong. They're live and pumping on Oddworld and Monsieur Abe is the man with the lethal methane...



Abe's Oddyssey was a killer game. Since when did a game have a storyline with characters you cared about? Since when did the whole shebang look so good? There just had to be a sequel — and here it is. And there's more... This one is bigger, better and you get exploding farts...

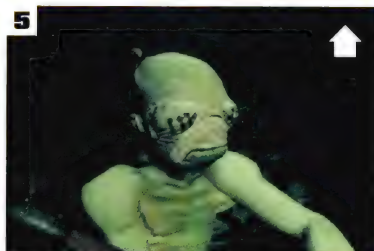
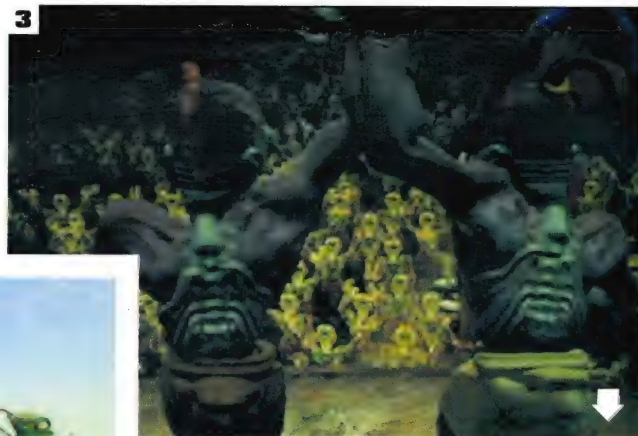


1 Look Abe, go through that door 2 ...And perform that dazzling leap of faith. Sure to impress the laydeez 3 Oddworld ain't called that for nothing... 4 For here there be dragons. Well, ickle bombs at least 5 And let's not forget the horrid lightning things. That'll smart 6 Luckily, you've got a roly-poly pod for baddie bashing 7 But lotsa puzzles to solve...

The Works: Abe's Exoddus first test

Let's play catch up

Abe's Exoddus is the sequel to Abe's Oddysee, and if you missed that, you may need a quick refresher course. Luckily, the game gives you one before setting the scene for the green geezer's next adventure. The story is way important in these games, so pay attention good...



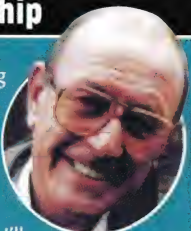
1 In the last game, Abe was a humble worker for Rupture Farms....
2 Till he found out the evil Glukkons planned to use his Mudokon buddies to make their new meat products... **3** So he saved his mates, and became a hero **4** Now he's visited by Mudokon spirits who want him to visit Necrum **5** The Glukkons are up to their old tricks and digging up Mudokon bones **6** So Abe goes to Necrum **7** And wouldn't you know it? There's a load of new adventures...

At the Abe dealership

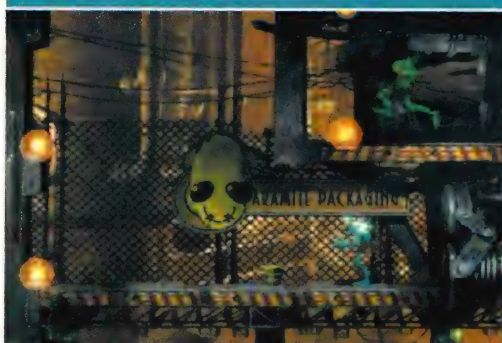
'Can I help you sir?'

'Yes. I'm considering buying the new Abe's game. I've been very happy with the first one, but I thought I'd better find out what extras the new one has before I committed myself to a purchase...'

'Ah well, If you'll allow me, I'll demonstrate the capabilities of the new model...'



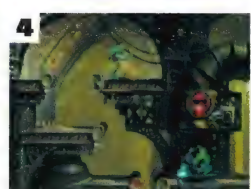
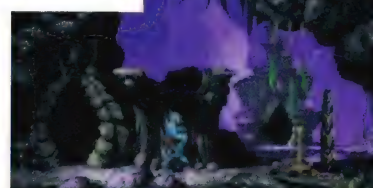
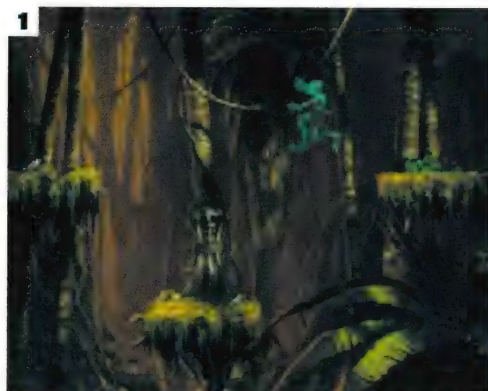
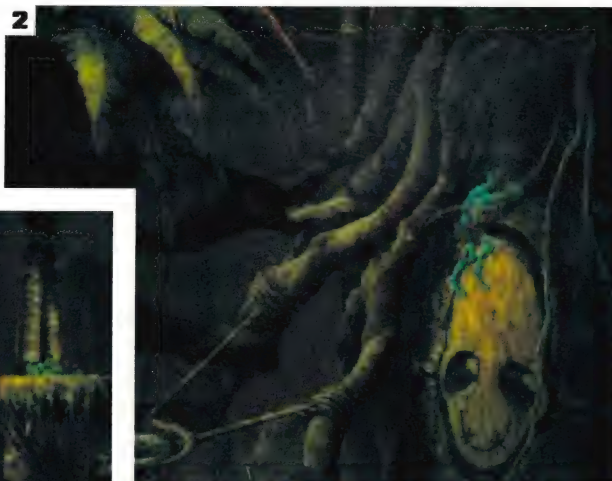
- ✓ ■ This model comes on two discs, so you'll get extra performance from it
- ✓ ■ There's more gamespeak than ever before, sir. We think you'll like it
- ✓ ■ You'll find you're able to possess more enemies than on your current model, sir
- ✓ ■ The puzzles have been made less frustrating and the quiksave feature also avoid headaches



■ The game in front's an Abe's Exoddus

Gameplay

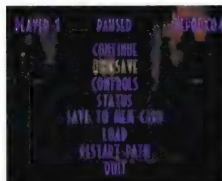
At first glance Abe's looks like your average platform game. If you've played through the first one, though, you'll know that ain't the case. Beneath that slimy green exterior lurks a game crammed full of ideas. Running and jumping squire? Certainly, but how about a side order of, oh, puzzle-solving, possession, gamespeak... Oh yes. Abe scores real high on the 'what-a-lot-to-do'-ometer.



1 Abe's doing a load of jumping **2** ...Followed by falling **3** There'll be puzzles... **4** Palm rubbing for possession **5** And creeping around Oddworld **6** Fail and green bodyparts fly about the screen

Saving

Abe's Exoddus has got two save game options. The first is the same as before: pause the game and save to your memory card. The second's a real doozy. Pause the game as usual, but this time select 'quicksave'. In a blink the game will save and when you die you'll start at the point you last quicksaved. Which is cool, eh? And if the frustration factor was one of the things that really let Abe's Oddysee down, this little quicksave fella means Exoddus doesn't fall straight into the same annoying trap.



■ That won't happen with new handy at-the-touch-of-a-button 'quicksave'...



■ Just conquered a real bastid bit. And, hey, wouldn't it be real a pig if I died and had to do it all over again...

■ And now I can jump around in complete confidence

Puzzles #1

Puzzles were a psycho nutjob from hell in the first game. You ran on to a screen and — SHRAK! — you was dead. To stop players dying from frustration this time, the nice programming types have made it easier to spot the deathtraps before you hare into them.



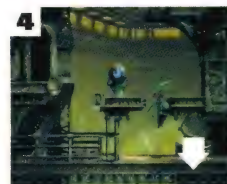
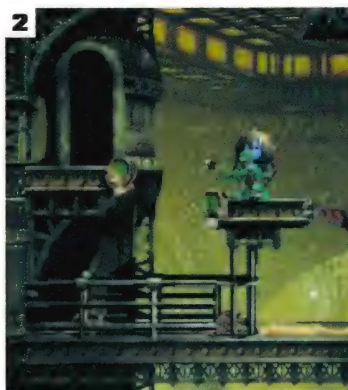
■ So now you get to scout out enemy terrain from a distance (Abe's in the top left-hand corner)



■ Before attempting to tackle the danger head-on. A lifesaver. Smart

Puzzles #2

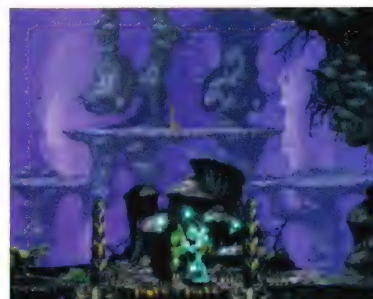
Abe ain't no 'brain on hold' fest. Everything here needs a little, shall we say, 'application': and after a few hours play both hemispheres of your brain will be joining forces and threatening to strike in protest. Try this one out for size...



1 What are you going to do here, Einstein? **2** Try it our way. Chuck dog meat at the lethal mutts. Divert their attention **3** As they chow down, jump into the pit of pooch and pull the lever. Be real quick... **4** Turn, run and jump and go through the hatch that's just opened **5** And after all that you get to... er, die...

Powers

Our Abe ain't just an ugly face. For this outing he gets a whole load of new powers to play with. Along the way you'll be able to make yourself invisible, cure hangovers and, of course, produce explosive botty burps. You never get these powers together, though, so the game's always surprising you. In review-speak, this means Abe's got mucho variety.



■ So in part two you've still got all them powers you've gotten used to...



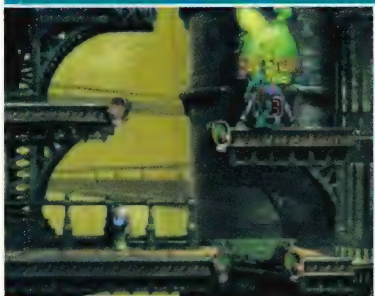
■ As well as a bit of invisibility. Helps when you've just dropped one

What we like

Exploding farts

You're whistling through Abe's Exoddus. You're about, um, halfway through. Then something happens. Something that sends you to game heaven. That thing is exploding farts.

And then you find game heaven is entirely populated by supermodels who haven't seen a man in two millenia. That's when you discover the wonderful remote-controlled exploding farts.



■ Drink a brew. Abe can down 'em in one. Whatta complete man, eh?



■ All that gas means mucho methane, so you can't blame Abe when he needs to let one off

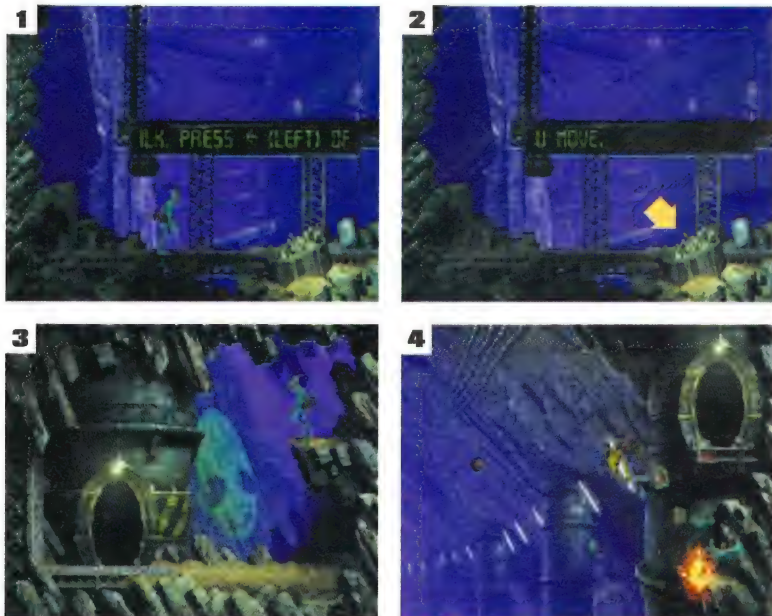


1 These ain't yer normal silent-but-deadlies, though. It's a hovering time bomb, this is. Chant to possess it... **2** ...And you can move that bad boy just about anywhere you want... **3** Like, say, here. Chant again, and someone's gonna have a smelly bad day indeed...

The Works: Abe's Exoddus first test

Secrets

For true Abe experts, Exoddus is littered with secret areas which are always a lot harder to get through than the standard routes. Like the rest of the game, if you've played the first one you'll cotton on to the secrets pretty quickly. And naturally, conquering them means rescuing more Mudokons.



1 Not played the first game? Then you probably won't suss where the secret entrance is on this screen... **2** You have? Then you'll know to crouch down... **3** And get into a bit so secret the programmers met with bizarre accidents when they'd finished writing it **4** These bits are usually a bitch so you sod 'em...

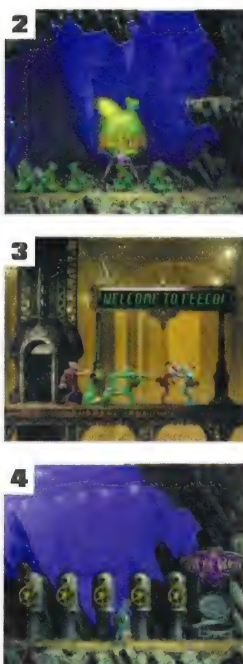
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We'd like to say...

Abe's Exoddus is a stonker of a game. Whether or not you've got the first one, you need this. As well as being a superb playing experience, it goes one step further by having a storyline and characters you actually care about – not something you come across often. Awesome...

Gamespeak

Just like the rest of the package, the gamespeak bit of Abe's has been mainlining steroids. It's bigger and meatier than ever before. Now you get to say more to your Mudo mates, plus the enemies you possess have their own vocab, too. You need to suss speaking real quick to make your way through Oddworld.

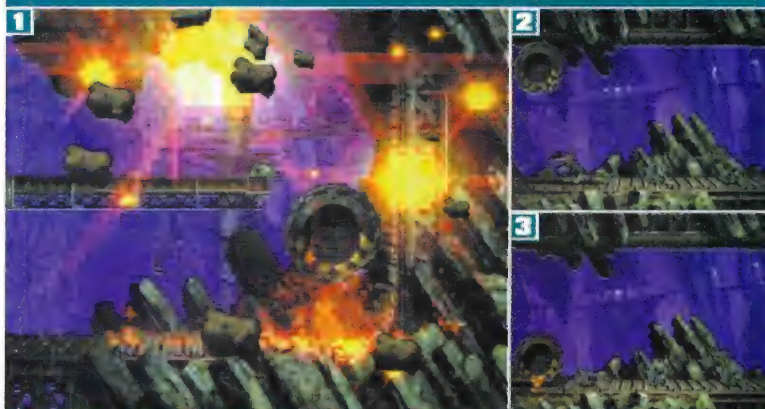


1 Careful when you give blind Mudokons orders. Tell 'em to walk, and they'll keep on truckin' – right off the edge. Oops **2** You'll also need new commands, like apologising to your mates when you piss them off... **3** Drunk Mudokons need extra-special treatment. You'll need to make them feel better with a bit of sympathy. Dunno why, they brought it on themselves **4** They're a chatty bunch on Oddworld. Even these geezers get to run off at the mouth...

What we like again

Roll with it...

As if exploding farts weren't enough. The game's other bobby dazzler is Abe's new rolling room. Once he gets in this beast anything in his way is street pizza. Roll us up a thin one, Abe...



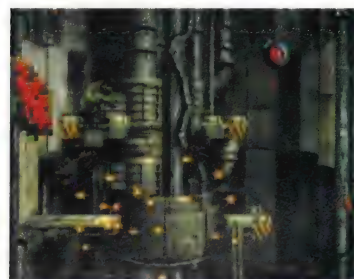
1 Don't be shy, get in that circular cabin thing... **2** You can roll that room around the screen, exploding stuff and killing enemies **3** If you're on the roof with a baddie beneath you... squish 'im

Possession

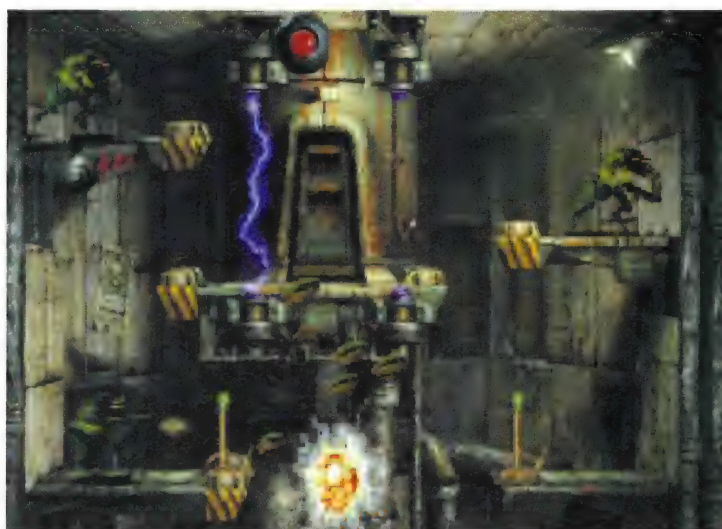
The ability to chant and take over enemies in Abe's Oddyssey was so popular it's been beefed up big-style for the sequel. You can possess almost all the enemies you get to meet in the game, including the all-new flying sligs, the slogs, and even the Glukkons. It's touches like this that make Exoddus a cut above...



■ Chant and then possess the flying slig. Hey, now that's a new one!



■ Then use the buzzing geezer to wipe out other sligs, thus clearing your path



■ Sligs seem to know when their mates have been possessed, though

winner

This'll turn your brain to mulch. It'll have you screaming at the TV. You'll be cursing at your 'Station for hours on end. It really is that good. **Andrew**

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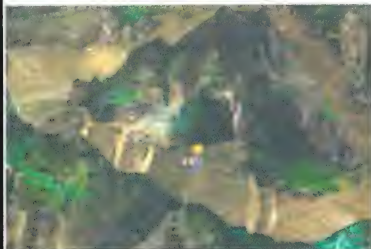
Torn apart this month...

p60 **TOCA Touring Car**



■ It's time to get things started in part one of our comprehensive track-by-track guide

p71 **Final Fantasy VII**



■ Loads about controlling ickle characters walking around a strange world, talking weird

p72 **WWF Warzone**



■ 'Good evening grapple fans. Once again, we've another bunch of overweight Yank actors for ya...'

TOCA TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

This rally racer's just gone platinum and the games'll be leaving shops like cars off the grid. Here's the first half of our full-on guide. More next month.



DETAILS

GAME:	TOCA Touring Car Championship
PRICE:	£19.99
COMPANY:	Codemasters
REVIEWED:	October 1998
SCORE:	91%
VERDICT:	Hyper-realistic touring car racer

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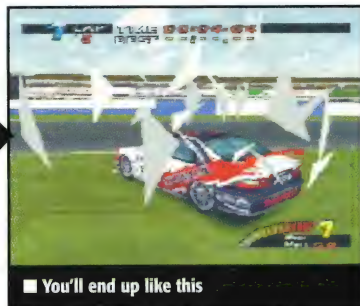
THE BASICS

KNOW YOUR CAR

■ TOCA's no cartoon racer, so learn to control your car properly, right? Make sure you drive smoothly and don't keep making small corrections right and left. Do this too much and the lighter cars will just fall over.

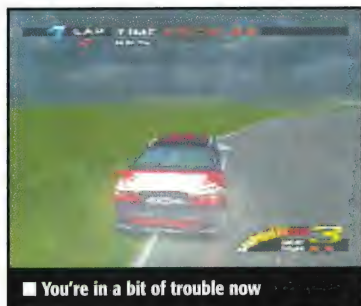


■ Don't drive like this or...



■ You'll end up like this

■ Stay on the track, man! It seems obvious enough but you're punished if you come off in TOCA. It's better to brake early and often, losing one place, rather than getting lost in a gravel pit and coming in last.



■ You're in a bit of trouble now



■ But major shit if you refuse to brake

■ Only a fool'd use the brake like on/off switches. You can't just jam your finger on and expect to turn – it'll crash. Use short stabs on the brake if possible.

■ If handling starts going mad, don't panic. Let off the accelerator gently and steer back on to the track. Start jabbing at the brakes and you're out.



■ Turning and braking don't mix



■ Get your foot off that bloody throttle!

VER CHEATS

■ TOCA has got a shit load of cool cheats. All you have to do to use 'em is type in a code when

you're asked to enter a name for your driver. To turn off a cheat just type in the code again. Lovely!

COURSE NOTES

CMSTARS
CMNOHITS
CMMICRO
CMGARAGE
CMCOPTER
CMCHUN
CMTOON
CMDISCO
CMLOGRAV
CMRAINUP
XBOOSTME
JHAMMO
CMFOLLOW
CMHANDY
CMUPSIDE
CMMAYHEM

Turns day into night, so you can race under a silvery moon
Switches off the collision detection, so drive right through the enemy
Transforms TOCA into Micro Machines, the original old version, that is
Wanna drive the tank and the flexmobile? Enter this code and you can
Four cameras not enough for you? Then try this extra helicopter one
Want more? How about this camera view that changes you into a go-kart
Turns the background horizon into a sappy Diddy Kong-style cartoon one
Use this to create a weirdo disco fog on the track. Trippin'!
Stick on this low gravity cheat and it's as if you're driving on the moon
Makes the rain fall up into the sky... try it when bored
TOCA not fast enough for ya? This code gives you a constant speed boost
Access to all the tracks, including the secret Lavaland
Gives you a dinky trackside camera. Just like on the telly
Fancy monster hands holding the steering wheel?
Oh yes. An upside down view. That's entertainment
Turns your opponents into blood-crazed maniacs, just like you

PLAY TO WIN

■ There ain't many rules in TOCA so don't be afraid to lash out at your opponents – they're all too happy to do the same. If you're up alongside another car turn into him and send him wide. Don't turn the other way or you'll follow him into a spin.

■ Shunting from the back is cool too. Just get up behind your victim and gently nudge him as he approaches a corner. Wait till he starts to brake then step on the power – with luck you'll give him enough of a jolt to go off.



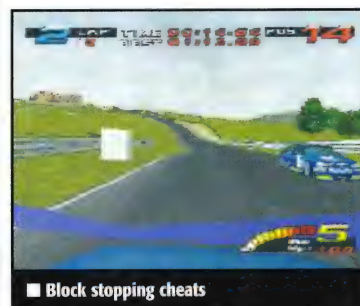
■ See a car – crash a car



■ Overtaking – take 'em from behind

■ Blocking's a larf too. Make use of the rear-view to check when you've got a nasty coming up behind you, then move over to block him. Don't be doing this on a tight corner though or your enemy will scoff in your face.

■ It's real hard to avoid coming off on some corners, so try and use the other cars as a guard rail. If you get the chance, keep to the inside of the bend and use the cars on the outside to protect you from skidding off.



■ Block stopping cheats

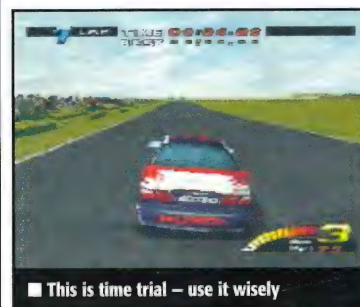


■ Use the outside car as a crash barrier

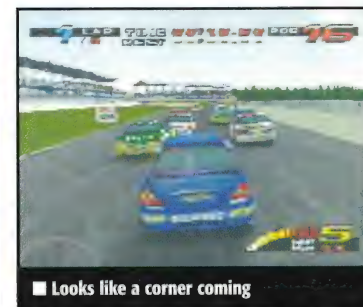
LEARN THE COURSES

■ The tracks in TOCA are not exactly your normal run-of-the-mill ovals either. Most contain multiple bastard corners and don't reward the novice driver. Use the time trial and single race options to learn the courses properly.

■ The problem with practising is you only get access to the two easy tracks at the start. If you're playing an unfamiliar course the best thing to do is watch how other cars are driving. Eyeball their tail lights and you'll get clues about upcoming corners.



■ This is time trial – use it wisely



■ Looks like a corner coming

■ Don't get hypnotised by the other drivers' brake lights though – keep your attention on the track. They might know when a corner is coming up but the 'Station drivers can just as easily take a dive off the track, and you don't want to follow 'em.

■ Make sure you pick the right car. Every car has its pros and cons and some are particularly good for specific tracks. It's no good choosing a speed master if you know the course is going be stacked full of tight corners.



■ Look, the muppet's come off the track



■ Uh-oh. You chose poorly

THRUXTON

Time to use controlled speed in Hampshire.

COURSE NOTES

■ One of the fastest tracks in the game, Thruxton requires both speed and smooth controls. There aren't too many tight turns but the few you do

come up against are right bastards. The map might make it all look nice and easy but you can rest assured this certainly ain't.

THE FACTS

LOCATION Hampshire
TRACK LENGTH 2.36 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER Cloudy

BEAT DIS...

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- 1 The first bend is to the right. Keep on that side of the road as you start. Be careful as the course narrows, and start to move left as you go downhill, ready for Campbell Corner
- 2 Trouble corner. Begin braking then turn into the corner and accelerate out
- 3 Turn left into Cobb Corner, then move to the right for Segrave. Things open up a bit after this so floor it as soon as possible
- 4 Take the Noble Corner full speed, but don't throw the car left and right or you'll end up arse over tit
- 5 A nice long gentle curve now, which should lead straight through Goodwood Turn. Village is bumpy as shit so keep it real smooth
- 6 Heed the warning signs for Church Turn and slow down!
- 7 Another long curve here, this time to the left, so whack on the turbo boost as you go into it
- 8 Brake hard before the Club Chicane and lean into the first right-hand turn. Give the throttle a squeeze as you head towards a tight left/right combo then give the brakes a jab to make it through
- 9 You should still have a good head of steam as you leave Club, so make damn sure you build on this as you go around the gentle curve that leads on up to Allard and the end of the lap

THRUXTON CIRCUIT



Recommended car

FORD MONDEO

Mr Average comes to town and wins you over with his driving skills. It's a good all-rounder, but doesn't excel in any area. It will take a bit of damage though, making it useful on tight courses or when playing a bumper car fan.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	24
POWER	295bhp - 8500rpm
ENGINE	V6 - 2000cc



■ Mondeo: favoured by reps and rally drivers

BRANDS HATCH

Kentish car trouble and one helluva bumpy ride.

COURSE NOTES

■ This course is rougher than a sandpaper condom. It's bumpy as hell, and also manages to be short, narrow, twisty and fast. As you'd expect

this causes quite a little demolition derby, so you'd better beware of the other cars just as much as you're aware of the track.

THE FACTS

LOCATION Kent
TRACK LENGTH 1.20 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER Cloudy

BEAT DIS...

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BRANDS HATCH CIRCUIT



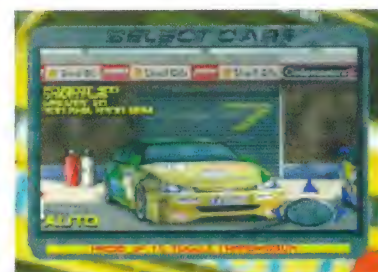
- 1 Lift off the throttle at the second braking marker and begin to stab the brakes at the third. Aim for the middle of the road, moving off to the left as you clear Hillwood Hill
- 2 A 180 degree hairpin to the right so brake in time. Be sure you turn smoothly and try to keep to the right-hand side of the track
- 3 If you took the last corner well you can go flat out on the next. If you didn't, let off on the throttle and make sure you don't slip off the track
- 4 This is a good place for passing so make your overtaking move here and beware of others trying the same thing
- 5 Surtees offers a lot of passing opportunities so don't run out too wide. Lift off the power and drift in, then accelerate out
- 6 Get ready for the snap to the right and the sharp uphill climb. Be ready to hit the brakes as the track shortens. You may have to feather the throttle
- 7 Put your foot down as you turn into Clearways
- 8 Clark Curve is a fine chance to put the pedal flat to the metal, 'cause it's really easy
- 9 Take the passing opportunity before you move back on to the first curve once more

Recommended car

■ PEUGEOT 406

This tasty little mota is the fastest bastard of the bunch. Unfortunately it falls down on handling with loads of oversteer and a tendency to lose it on nasty corners. If you can handle it though this is a real lap-beater.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	15
POWER	300bhp - 8300rpm
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1998cc



■ Peugeot: A lap-beater if you can master it

OULTON PARK

Slippery surfaces in sunny Cheshire.

COURSE NOTES

■ Like a lot of rounds this course looks plain easy till you try it. The problem is not the corners, but the road surface. It's made of some sort of special

concrete which makes tyre-grip a real problem. This'll have you wandering around with less balance than a half-pissed granny.

THE FACTS

LOCATION Cheshire
TRACK LENGTH 1.66 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER Sunny

BEAT DIS...

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OULTON PARK CIRCUIT



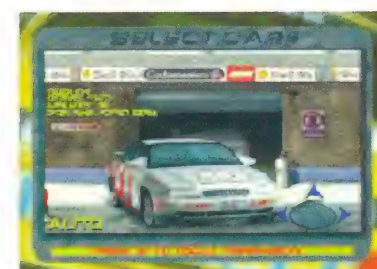
- 1 The first corner is a tight right-hander so careful. If you fancy it, keep the power on then pull out wide to the left as the corner tightens
- 2 Dentons is nothing to worry about but Cascades is trickier than it looks. It's a tight left so lift off before giving it a quick jab to get you on to Fosters
- 3 Hit the brakes hard, 'cos Fosters has a nasty turn at the bottom of the hill
- 4 After Fosters you've got a wide run to try some overtaking on. Get a hold before Knickerbrook as it's got a mega-bump on its left-hand side. Avoid that and you can keep the power on
- 5 Clay Hill is easy
- 6 Druids is tricky. Take your finger off the accelerator as you move into it then get back on it as you pass through the first half of the turn
- 7 Be on the left side of the track as you come out, for the right-hand Lodge Turn. Mind the bumps
- 8 Brake early for Lodge, take it easy and try and make sure you're doing 70-80 mph in third gear. You can't see the corner too well, but it is there and it'll have you if you don't slow down for it
- 9 It's easy from here on - the left kink at Deer Leap is nothing to someone of your skills - unless you're crap

Recommended car

■ AUDI A4

This is the only TOCA motor which has the advantage of being 4WD. So if you're worried about gripping the track this is the baby to go for. However, it is a bit slow on the slow side because of the porky weight of the 4WD.

DRIVE	4WD
VALVES	15
POWER	296bhp - 8250rpm
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1998cc



■ Audi: a bit of a pork beast but grips on tight

DONINGTON SHORT

It's always going to be dull and raining in Derbyshire

COURSE NOTES

■ If you enjoy wearing the blouses of oversized women then you might prefer this lite version of the Donington GP circuit. It knocks out the Esses

and Melbourne Hairpin Turns making for a quicker course, but creating a real pain in the ass at Goddards instead.

THE FACTS

Location Derby
Track Length 1.96 miles
Default Weather Rain

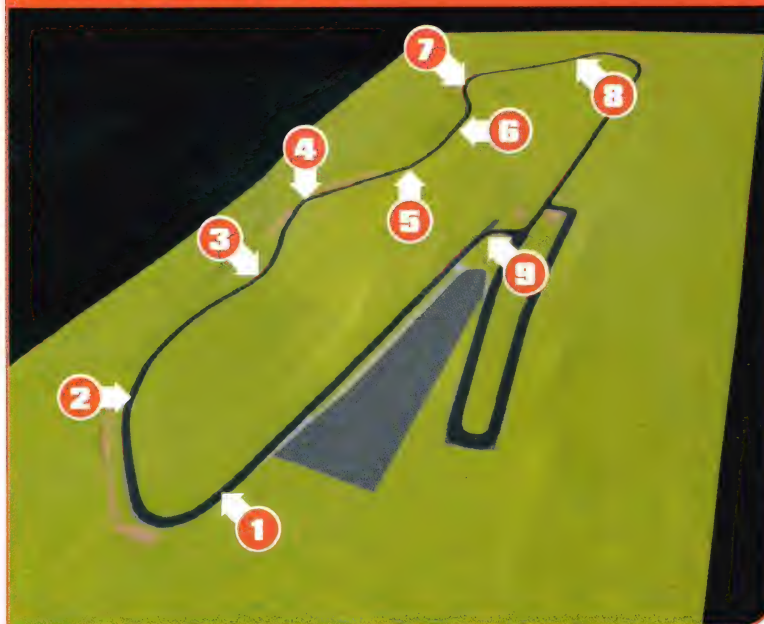
BEAT DIS...

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- 1 Keep to the left ready for the right-hander coming up. But you'll have to brake gently to avoid running wide on the left over the rumble strip
- 2 Take the Hollywood Turn at full whack as long as you follow the racing line
- 3 Craner Curves is almost as simple except it's full of bumps – so make sure you keep things straight or you'll spin off
- 4 The Old Hairpin bend is tricky so brake early and line up to take it properly. Don't brake as you take the corner. Instead concentrate more on building up your speed as you go
- 5 Swing right into Starkey's Bridge but then change to the left-hand side as you leave with the throttle full on
- 6 Hold back and ease off for the left-handed Schwantz Curve
- 7 Give the brakes a flick for the right-handed McLeans turn. Make your turn late to stop drifting wide to the left
- 8 Speed up for the next uphill run, then get ready for Coppice. This is two turns joined by a short straight but you can treat it all as one
- 9 Brake when you see the Esses approach, then make sure the turn is smooth

DONINGTON SHORT CIRCUIT



Recommended car

■ RENAULT LAGUNA

You'll never get a smooth ride in TOCA. But, in case you're a scaredy cat the Laguna is here to give you a sofa-smooth ride. It's under-powered, but you can't have everything. It don't take damage too well so try not to prang it.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	15
POWER	N/A
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1998cc



■ Laguna: Hmm, a smooth kinda ride. Nice



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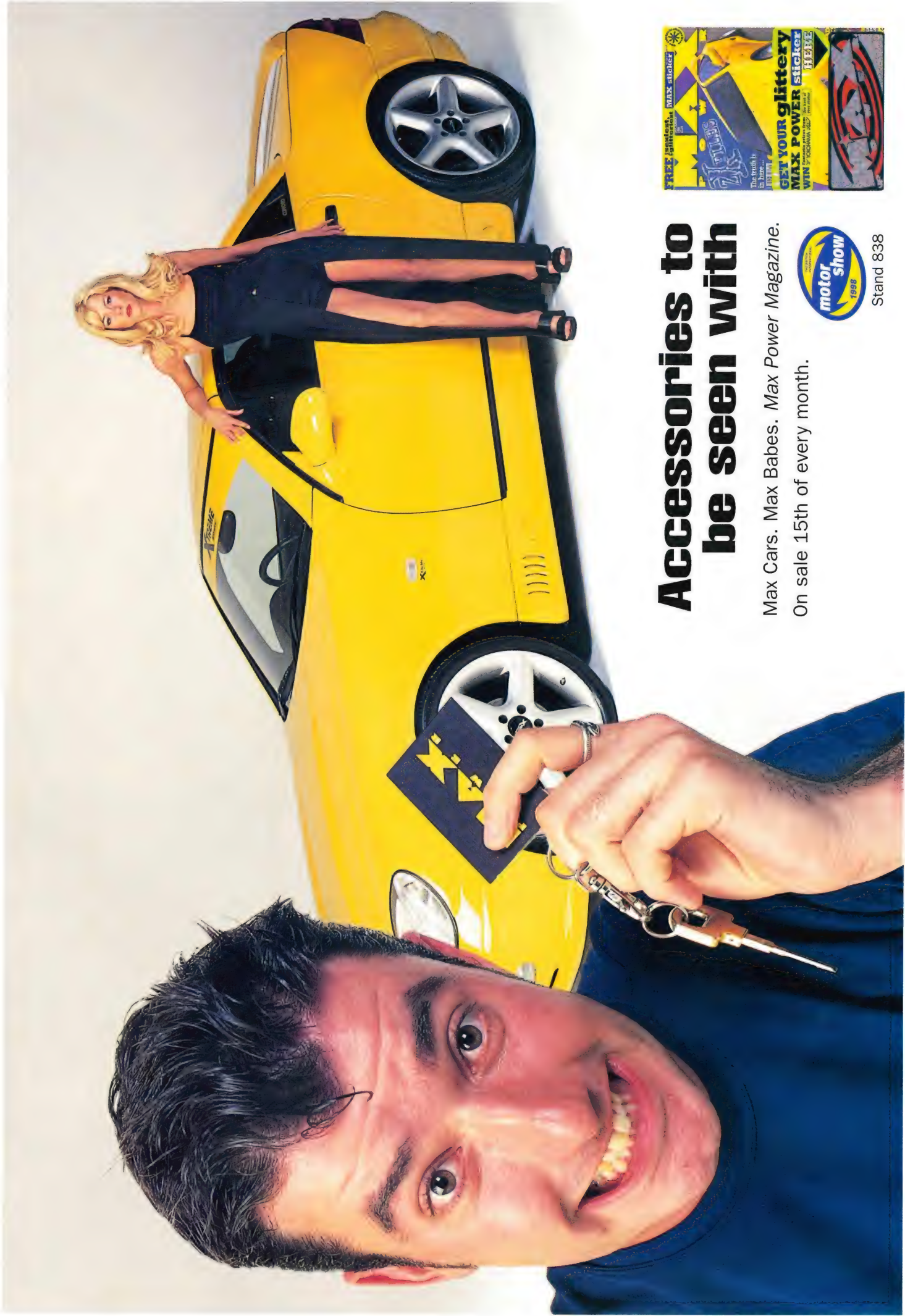
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Q&A

We've got stacks of hints, tips and moves. If you've got a problem, chances are we've got the solution. Write to the address on page 14 for yer answers.

ADAPTOR CRASH LINK FOUND

My Playstation keeps crashing when I play Vigilante 8. I think it's because there are too many plugs in the adaptor, got any ideas?

Lewis MacDonald

plus Just the one, Lewis my friend. You should try and unplug some of the other appliances and see how it works then, eh?

BASEBALL

What's the best baseball game on the 'Station?

Craig Turnbull

plus Tricky one really, 'cos, see baseball's shit innit? The players wear leggings, and odd-sized gloves. They bollock on about home runs, bases, a bloke called Babe and the infamous diamond – let's face it, it's not normal. Do you really want to buy into all that? OK, give Big Hurt Baseball a go, it's made by Acclaim and it got reasonable reviews.

Abe's Oddysee

You've played the game, now you want the T-shirt

Abe's Oddysee. Help! I get to the big round ship type thingy and go to what I think should be another world, I get out and come to a door with the number two near by. How on earth do I get through? Is it possible to get a T-shirt of Abe? Is there a book on Abe? Sorry about all the questions. I'm an Abe babe!

Tina Sloane

plus Well Tina, we fear you may have the wrong end of the stick. You see you should ignore the door for now and go about your business, don't worry you'll come back to it later – trust me I'm a doctor. Now as to your other queries, as far as we know there is a book, which can be obtained from the Tottenham Court Road Computer Exchange or any other such games store. As for T-shirts, we've not come across any, which sounds like a gap in the market which you could readily exploit. Put us down for a large in blue.



■ Abe: we'd have the shirt off his back

COMMAND AND CONQUER

Command And Conquer Red Alert: Retaliation. Have you any cheats, for lots of money?

Phillip Ennis

plus What ever happened to hard graft? No these days everyone is after a fast buck, the easy way, and why not? Money good – hard work bad. So on that note try this little gem: Whilst playing pause the game and hit **↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ L1** and **↑ ↑ ↑ ↑**. When you've done this press **SA** and go back to the game: \$5,000 better off.

DEAD BALL ZONE

How the f****g hell do you activate the weapons in Dead Ball Zone? Please.

Mr Phillip Bunting

plus Mr Bunting the idea is that you play the game, get better and receive new and powerful weapons – it really is that simple.

DISC SWAPPING

Does frequent disc swapping damage my PlayStation, and should I just get it chipped or what?

Audi

plus Possibly and maybe. There is a chance that in the process of swapping you may damage your 'Station's motor, but it's a remote chance. Nevertheless, it is a chance goddam it. As for getting it chipped, well it could be well dodgy 'cos once it's chipped the Sony warranty is null and void, so for God's sake don't do it yourself, get someone else to do it who's willing to offer you a warranty on the work done. Alternatively you could try and be patient and wait for the games to come out over here – sorry, it's only an idea.

DISC WORLD 2

Could you please, please give me some help, tips, cheats, anything for Discworld 2. I haven't got very far. A walkthrough would be good.

Eleanor Savage

plus Indeed a walkthrough would be good, but unfortunately it would take up about half the mag, so why not try this web-site: <http://www.lspace.org/games/discworld>. It's got everything to ease your aching heart, and get you on the straight and narrow.

DYNASTY WARRIORS

Are there any secret characters in Dynasty Warrior, if so, how do I get them?

Ally Weaver

plus 'Fraid there aren't any piss easy ways to get the extra characters. You've really got to beat the game with Nobunaga, which ain't no walk in the park, still if you ever get there try this: to

Colin McRae Rally

If in doubt... floor it!

Do you have any cheats for Colin McRae Rally? Cheers!

Donald MacCol

plus No, cheers to you Donny boy, we've been waiting for someone to ask. No. Honest I have. Anyways, it's like this, and that the way it is. Enter yer name as any of these words.

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four-wheel steering

If that wasn't enough for you Don, try entering NIGHTRIDER (easily the best David Hasselhoff performance ever). You don't get K.I.T.T. blathering to you, but you do race in the dark and go down previously blocked off roads where a load of weird shit happens...



■ This is the part where the co-driver has a really squeaky voice. Hilarious. Hilarious



■ This one is rally difficult. All the same tracks in the same cars. But in the dark...

play as Toukichi, highlight one-player battle and press **↓ ↓ ↓ ↓** **△** **⊗** **⊗** **R1** & **R2**. To play as Sun Shang Xiang, highlight one-player battle and hit **↓ ↓ ↓ ↓** **△** **⊗** **⊗** **L1** & **R1**.

FELONY 11-79

Got any cheats for Felony 11-79?

Daniel O'Donnell

plus Reckon so, to get hold of all the cars do this: press **△**, then quick as you like press and hold **R1** + **L2** + **R2**, then release them, but keep hold of **△**, then press and hold **R2** + **L2** + **R1**, if you've done it right you should hear a noise.

Got a couple of shortcuts as well. The first is for the maze part in Paris, during the subway stage. When you're in the maze you should be able to go left or right. Go left, then at the next fork go left again. When you reach a white gate go down the ramp and then turn into the subway. Bingo, loadsa time saved.

The second shortcut is for the third stage. What you do is wait until you're out of the city, then head for the spiral ramp. In the pillar that you drive around there's a cut-out that's really quite small, although you can get a VW through. After that, enter the water area and drive straight to another ramp.

FORMULA 1 97

Could you please give me every cheat that's available for Formula 1 97, and more news on Formula 1 98 if you've got any. Cheers.

Tariq Alia

plus Feast your eyes upon these my man:

BONUS TRACK

To get the bonus track (called strangely enough Bizarre) you have to race in all 17 rounds in championship mode and come first, second or third in the championship. Obviously not much of a cheat more like a test of superhuman driving endurance.

CHEAT CODES

Enter these codes on the race qualify screen, do it quick, as timing is limited.

BUGGY MODE: Hold **SEL** and press

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ **△** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗**

BIKE MODE: Hold **SEL** and press

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ **△** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗**

LAVA MODE: Hold **SEL** and press

⊗ **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗** **⊗**

GIBBERISH MODE: Hold **SEL** and press

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BONUS TRACK: Hold **SEL** and press

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As for the '98 edition seems it'll be out around December time, just in time for Santa Claus.

G-POLICE

Have you got any level codes for G-Police? I just can't do mission nine, that train always gets to the tunnel.

Jim Dinnen

plus We sense you're right at the end of your tether, yes? I also sense that on more than one occasion you have thrown your joystick down in a completely angered rage and gone and done something downright evil. Now put the knife down, sit down, calm down and listen: level nine code is YWVFHNAJ, level ten is WNLJSBJ.

Any more problems try a bottle of vodka and twenty deep breaths. We find this always seems to do the trick for us.



Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Wholesome fun

Naked supermodels: pure and simple

Could you please print some pictures of naked supermodels in next month's issue please? Just to make reading more interesting.

Dean Chambers

plus So nice to hear from someone with similar interests. I hope you like the picture. It's a Lockheed F-117A stealth fighter, which is a state of the art low radar visibility

fighter, and it was a fiddly little bugger to make. Thrilled to actually see it at the Farnborough Airshow, and it is truly a magnificent looking machine. Please keep your requests coming in. Maybe next issue we could get a piccy of something from World War II if enough of you 'wing-heads' out there request it. This is Air Vice-Marshall Marsh, over and out!

GRAND THEFT AUTO

Hey, how on earth do you get the helicopter in Grand Theft Auto?

Daniel Holt (and everyone else into big choppers)

plus Hey to you too. My God, you have no idea how many people have asked that. But it's like, this is a game about driving cars, but all we wanna do is fly a friggin' helicopter.

No doubt people will start writing in asking whether you can play volleyball on soccer games or where do I find the secret passage in Tekken 3. Or even can you get Lara to play cricket. You cannot fly a helicopter in this game, repeat after me you cannot fly...

GRAND THEFT AUTO TO BE BANNED!

Is it really true that Grand Theft Auto is going to be banned, and thanks for the answer.

James Foulger

plus That'll be a big no, and er, that's absolutely no problem James.

Clash of the Titans

Feel the right of might

I have a Playstation and I know it's the (biggest) dogs bollocks. However my mate Tom has a N64. We always argue what console is better. Can you give me some points that show him he is talking shit?

Robert Ian Petty

plus Bob, we always find bare knuckle fighting is the best course of action in situations such as yours. Messy, yes, but if done right little Tom shouldn't give you anymore N64 twaddle. I find that your first move should always be a head butt just on the bridge of the nose, then when they crouch down to examine their nose, whammy, uppercut! I'll wager my antique snot collection the little pissbag will go down like a sack of shit.

The next best thing to do if he's bigger and harder than you is to tactfully point out that the N64 cannot handle speech, nor is its video capability up to much. But the crunch is the 'Station has a much wider selection of games, admittedly many are pants, but there are still more good games on the 'Station than on the N64. And variety rules.



■ And this is for saying my 'Station's shit...

LOST WORLD: JURASSIC PARK

Are there any cheats for Lost World?

Wazzo

plus Before we start, may we call you Wazzosaurus Rex? Thank you. Indeed we have many, many cheats, such as:

999 LIVES AND ALL DNA

These passwords start the game with all DNA keys and 99 lives:

COMPY X
HUNTER X
RAPTOR X
T-REX X
PREY X

CHARACTER SELECT

Enter the following codes at the password screen:

HUNTER X
PREY X
RAPTOR X
T-REX X

EXTRA LIFE ON LEVEL 1

In the first level, run left instead of right and you'll pick up an extra life. Every time you die you can pick up the extra life and have as many lives as when you started.

LEVEL SELECT

At the password screen press

X X

You have to do this three times.

Well, my little carnivorous friend I hope that that little lot well and truly sates your massive, hungry appetite.

NBA JAM

Have you got any cheats for NBA Jam?

Andy

plus Basically the only one worth knowing accesses all teams, and it goes a little something like this: enter JBP on the initials screen.

PLAYSTATION ON PC MONITOR

Dear man, is there an adaptor that allows a PlayStation on a PC monitor?

Skeg

plus Sorry 'man' that'll be a big, fat negative. Why not play it on your television, latest research show this to be the chosen medium of most game players. According to a top level focus group held in Birmingham last April an astonishing 90 per cent of gamers felt playing without a television seriously affected their gameplay. Apparently the other ten per cent were either clinically mad or were unsure as to who Lara was. And remember stats that come from Birmingham never lie, man.

Cool Boarders 2

Walking in a winter wonderland

Have you got any tips or cheats for Cool Borders 2?

Ian Byard

plus Certainly have. Give these a whirl:

DIFFERENT CLOTHING FOR CINDY AND IRIN

Highlight competition mode in the main menu then press:

↓ R1 ↑ R1 ↓ R2 ↑ R2 ↑ ↑ R1

↓ ↓ R2

If it's done right, Cindy will have a leather outfit and Irin will have school clothes.

EXTRA LEVELS IN FREESTYLE MODE

To get all the levels in Freestyle mode, you have to beat the tour competition in mirror mode and come either first, second or third. This also means you can play as boss.



PLAY THE ALIEN

To play as the alien you have to score a 38.0 or better in the halfpipe or complete all 100 moves in ONEMAKE jump.

SHORTCUTS

● In take it easy, before the tunnel, you can avoid the big S-turn by going through the forest and jumping over the gap.

● In pipeline canyon, after the second jump, you should see a pipe going across the canyon. You can grind on that.

● In freezing point, just before the big U-turn you can go through the forest on the right before the blue fence.

● For snow ruins go through the two right pillars for the shortcut.

● In dive into the cave you can go through a waterfall located to the left of the second fork, this is done by jumping on to the ledge before the first left turn.



1 Cool 2 Look mum, I can even do it upside down. Rad 3 You can see this guy practising moves on the handrail outside the library

SOVIET STRIKE

Alright lads, please, please please gimme all the cheats you've got for Soviet Strike. Can you get infinite weapons, armour, lives or fuel? I'm really desperate! Help!!

James Hayward

plus Chill, it's only a game, no need to cop a tone just to win me over. You're not the only person who's been messed up by this game, luckily there's a network of self-help groups all over the country. It's somewhere to go to get help, just look in the phone book for Soviets Anonymous & Desperate, or in your Thompson's under S.A.D. In the meantime, here's a list of cheats to get you started:

CAMPAIGN PASSWORDS

Campaign 1

Campaign 2

Campaign 3

Campaign 4

Campaign 5

WORSTCASE

GRANDTHEFT

GROZNEY

CHERNOBYL

CIVILWAR

INFINITE CHOPPERS

Go to password screen and enter: ELVIS LIVES, then press X, if it works you'll hear a gunshot.

MORE POWERFUL WEAPONS

Go to the password screen and then enter: DAVEDITHER, then press X.

EXTRA LIVES

Go to the password screen and then enter: NOSFERATU, then press X.

SOUTH PARK

Is there going to be a South Park game, and if so when is its release date?

James Dear

plus Indeed there is dear boy, and apparently it's set for release early next year. Word is it'll look exactly like the TV programme, so expect some seriously sketchy animation and a big soggy bag dripping with funny one-liners. We haven't seen a working version yet but were assured the team who brought us the TV programme is involved.

THEME HOSPITAL

Please can you cure me? Do you have any cheats for Theme Hospital?

David Roberts

plus You betcha. To get a clean hospital, where all the rubbish and disease-ridden patients disappear, simply save the game and reload it again when the hospital becomes full. Farewell waiting lists, greetings Bupa.

THEME PARK

Have you got any cheats for Theme Park?

Daniel Lane

plus Sure as hell have. For bucketloads of wonga enter BOVINE as your nickname, then press ● ● X at the same time. Hey presto! Robert's your mother's brother.

Final Fantasy VII

No, it never stops

Can you help me kill Ruby?

Ally Dean

plus Yeah, we can. But it is far from easy. It goes a little something like this...

What you'll need is: Mastered counter materia paired with mime. Knights of the round paired with HP absorb. Enough HP and defensive so you don't die in one hit. High magic rating, 200+. Ribbon. We recommend you have these as well: 2 Knights of round charges. W-Summon. Master Summon with MP turbo, on different slots than the regular KOTR one. You with us so far?

Before you get going, kill off your other two party members (cruel, yes). When the fight starts, cast Knights of the round (W-Summon or without) on Ruby or the tentacles, although it doesn't matter which. Basically, everytime Cloud gets hit he'll automatically counter with KOTR and regain stacks of HP. It's a win-win situation.

Please tell me how to get a gold chocobo! I've got two river-mountain Chocobo's but I don't know what nut to feed them.

Daniel Chong

plus Let 'em scarf down a Zeio nut and watch 'em rut like stags. They should produce a black Chocobo. Take the black fella, race him till he's A class, and let him romp with a head-down farm Chocobo. Result? Gold.

FINAL FANTASY VII PLATINUM?

Can you tell me when Final Fantasy VII will turn platinum?

Mr Blobby

plus Well Mr Blobby, we'd say it'd be about the next time you have a hit record, or make us laugh, except of course in contempt.

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RACING CHOCOBO'S

Where the hell do you have to race the Chocobo's in FF VII?

R. Barrett

plus What you need to do is go to Gold Saucer, and speak to Ester at the Chocobo's racing forum. Piece of piss.



■ Hit the bright lights, young man. With a sword that large you'll go far...

ULTIMA WEAPON

Can you tell me how I get hold of the Ultima Weapon in FF VII?

F. L. Wang

plus Well this is a little tricky, so listen closely... You fight him the first time and all you have to do is take his attacks, then give it loads for the next couple of rounds. The next time you fight him you have to take the highwind over Lake Junon.

There should be a large black monster over the lake. This is Ultima Weapon. When you fight him keep your attacks long range, when he's taken a pasting he'll piss off, so chase him in the highwind until he stops.

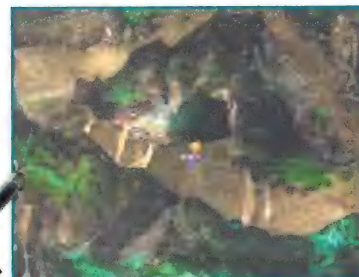
Fight him again. He'll make his final stop at Cosmo Canyon, if you beat him there he'll explode, making a passage into the Ancient Forest, then – and only then – can you get the weapon.



■ This is your building block. Chuck this clucking beauty some Mimmitt greens...



■ Then take him down to the race track, and get him all Red Rummed up...



■ Search for materia and other consumer goods in little ratholes like this...



■ Beef up your brave boys with the biggest materia you got to take on the Ultima Weapon

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- World League Soccer '98
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- WWF Wrestlemania
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Pity corner

I know I've screwed-up, please help me

Now I know it's shit and I curse the day I ever f*****g bought it, but are there any cheats for Bubsy 3D?

Vince

PLUS Refreshing honesty Vince, and the first part of solving a problem is admitting you have one. There are cheats, but none which make this game any better. Still give it a go. Try these codes, first select the LOAD/SAVE option, then enter one of these passwords:

ALL LIVES
99 LIVES
ALL ROCKETS
BONUS ROUND
COORDINATES
LEVEL SELECT
CHANGE SHAPE

XALLBUGCR
XMUCHOLIFE
XTOOROCKER
XBNSCHTMM
XDBUGLOCNC
XIVLCHTMSB
XURASNAKER



■ Bubsy player Thursday. Condition: unstable

THUMB THERAPY

I've owned a PlayStation for a short while, and my thumbs are totally f*****d, is there anything on the market to help?

Ian Cowenry

PLUS Like anything in the world, you get out what you put in, so stop your whinging and get playing. Do you really think that Jimi Hendrix moaned on like a old harpy about how his fingers ached? 'Course he didn't, he went and chocked to death on his vomit. Dedication.

TOTAL DRIVIN'

Have you got any cheats for Total Drivin'?

Bernard Leahy

PLUS Yep, we've got some extra level cheats. When playing the Moscow 2 course use the ramps to go over the barriers, you'll see a building on the right, head for the left-hand side of the building where there's a bonfire, drive into it for an extra Moscow level with icy roads and open bridges.

There's one other hidden level in Moscow 2. To get to it, go over the ramp while pressing right, when you're over look for an alleyway between two buildings (it should have an orange light at the end), go down the alleyway to access the hidden level.

For an extra level on the Egypt level look for a temple on your right-hand side after a long left turn. Enter the temple from the side you're coming from, the level warper is on the other side of the temple.

The secret level on the Eastern Island level 2 is to be found by turning your car around and driving until you see a cruise boat. On your left-hand side you'll see a red and white barrier, behind is a road with a level warper at the end.

WWF Warzone

Grapple fans ready?

Will you print all the the finishing moves for WWF Warzone. Plus, any cheats would be handy, cheers. PS NO MOCKING THE NAME

Terry Mycock

PLUS If I was to mention the word penis, or crack a joke about changing your first name to 'Suck', or even 'Sit on' we would be very disappointed with ourselves. To poke fun at your name would be cruel, needless and cheap.

To business. Finishing moves first. They only work when your opponent's power is on red.

KEN SHAMROCK: ■ ■ ■ KICK when opponent is on the ground.

GOLDUST: ■ ■ ■ TIE-UP when standing behind opponent.

SHAWN MICHAELS: ■ ■ ■ KICK when standing in front of the opponent.

'STONE COLD' STEVE AUSTIN: ■ ■ ■ + (TIE-UP & BLOCK AT SAME TIME) when standing in front of your opponent.

MANKIND/CACTUS JACK/DUDE LOVE:

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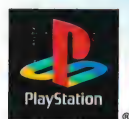
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Celebrities we hate



1. Zoo Ball

Listen closely to Zoo on the radio. Hear how much of a bit of trouble breathing they are in as they're going through the full-on workout. And a little bit more trouble breathing.



2. Chris Evans  *Outcast* (Warner) *Chris Evans is London's sexiest police officer* (Chris Evans) *He's only been* *completely fictional for 11 years* (Chris Evans) *but he's been* *captain for 10 years* (Chris Evans) *and he's been* *captain for 10 years* (Chris Evans)



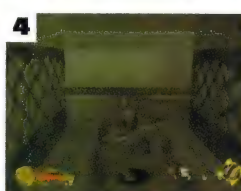
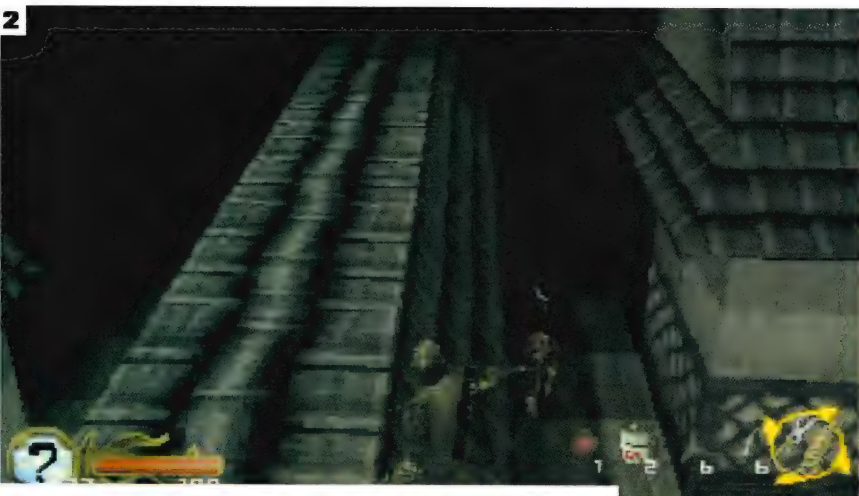
TENCHU

You've got a gurt big sword. You're armed with the kind of weapons most sensible governments confiscate at customs. One problem: you're wearing slippers...

Ninjas. Sneaky bastids, creeping here, crouching there. And when you're not looking, they'll slit your throat. But you're lucky this time, 'cos you're the one doing the sneaking and slitting shit. Shame about the black pyjamas though...

Death, ninja style

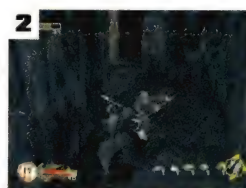
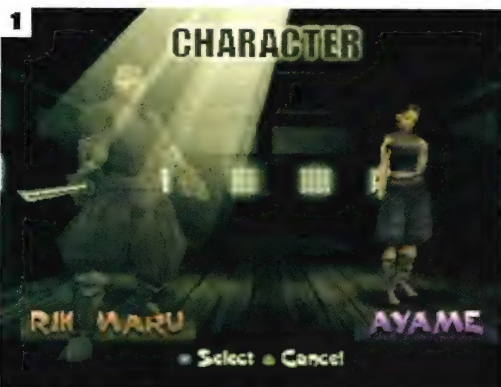
Let's face it, ninjas ain't the sort of blokes to wade in, fists flying, screaming, 'come and 'ave a go if yer think yer 'ard enough'. Y'see, they're all about stealth. You gotta lay low, stick to the shadows, crawl around on the rooftops, have a spy on your enemies, and just when you think they're not looking, silently move in and cut 'em. Think clinical, think ruthless.



1 Patience and stealth are your watchwords **2** He hasn't seen you yet... **3** And thanks to a swift blow from behind he never will **4** Done the business? Then it's time to creep out and find your next victim...

What's the point?

The whole point of the game is to recover some dumb princess called Kiku who's got herself captured by badass blokey, Ghost Master. You can only reach said royal tartlet by completing various missions and knocking off shitloads of chopsocky samurai until you get to the rock-solid boss geeza. Sounds easy? Well it freakin' ain't, OK?

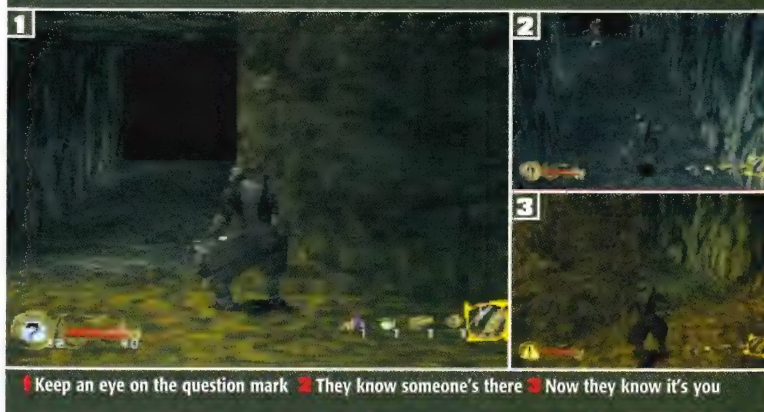


1 Do not approach this man... **2** His sword isn't for wood carving... **3** It's for human kebab-making

What we like

Clairvoyant killer

Let's face it, ninjas are quite something. Not content with being rubber-jointed death machines, they've also got a large dose of the ol' sixth sense. Yep, you heard right, they can sense when they're near an enemy and can even tell whether the enemy's spotted them. So here, you get a gauge displayed on the bottom left of the screen: if it shows a question mark you're cool, if it shows a couple exclamation marks then you've been rumbled...



Move like the wind

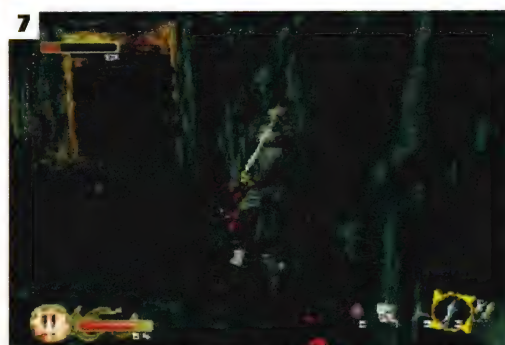
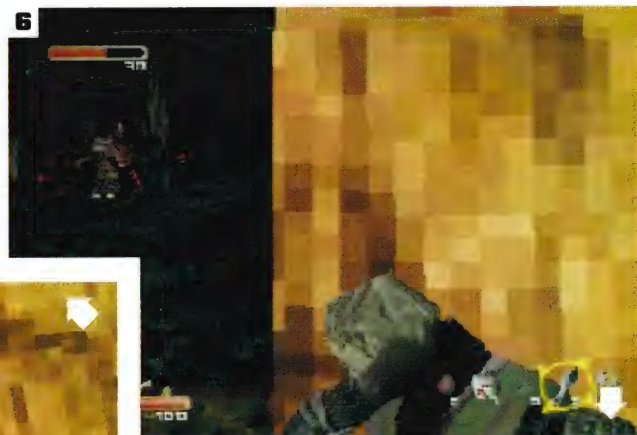
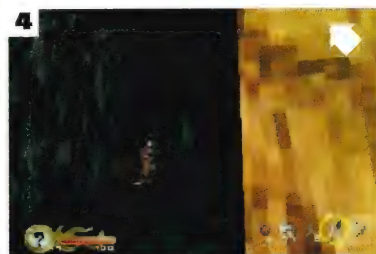
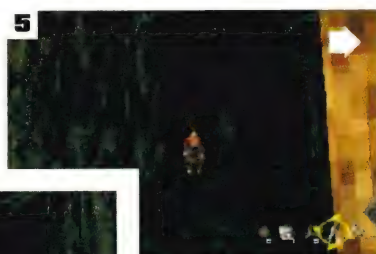
Choosing ninjas is like deciding whether to go for vodka and orange or a straight Jack Daniels – you want one of 'em, but it all depends what sort of mood you're in. It's the same here: do you go for feisty ninja-chick Ayame, or big bloke Rikimaru? The little lady's cute and dead fast, but she's a girl so she's not that hard. Tough guy Rikimaru packs a helluva punch and likes lurking down dark passageways, but that's enough of his sexual preferences...



1 She lacks the tackle but she's definitely a bit of a Tomboy... **2** Who likes nothing more than climbing on roofs... **3** Swinging on ropes... **4** Throwing knives... **5** And kicking ass. Cool, huh?

Be good, quick

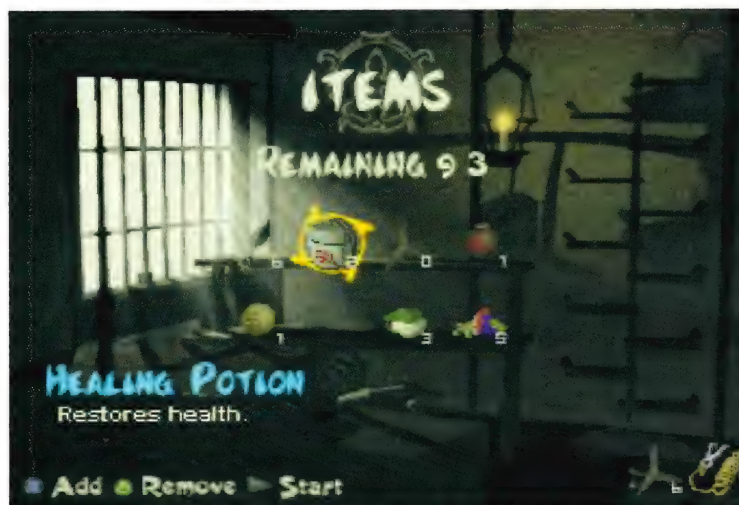
To get well and truly ninja-fied you've gotta learn how to hug walls, crouch down, gauge the time to attack and know what to do if you're spotted. It's always best to attack from the roofs if you can, but sometimes there aren't any, so stick to terra firma and do it sneaker pimp-style.



1 You've sussed where he is... 2 Watch his patrol patterns... 3 Make sure he's on his Jack Jones... 4 Select a weapon... 5 Take aim... 6 Fire 7 If he's still got a pulse, finish him off

Come and get yer weapons

If you're talking wepaons, don't expect anything too hi-tech. Tenchu's set back in the mists of time, so gunpowder's the new kid on the block, but ninja blokes think it's too flash, and stick to swords and stuff. Well, a big sword, a selection of knives and throwing daggers, makeshift grenades and other old skool weaponry. Ah, takes you back to the days when violence really was violence.



■ Hmm, nice choice from the ninja aisle



■ This one is great for hounding dogs



■ Simple yet effective – the grenade



■ Can't beat some medicine



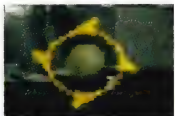
■ Handy for those sly chases



■ Coloured rice – how nice



■ Number 43: poisoned rice



■ Smoke bomb, do not inhale

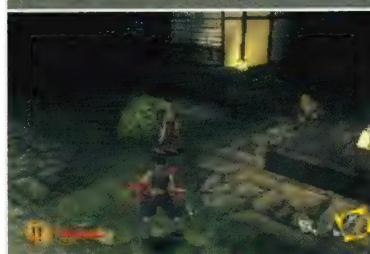
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We'd like to say...

OK, so Tenchu ain't the most visually exciting game, but it redeems itself handsomely by being well playable and more addictive than class A narcotics. Or so we're told. The missions are varied and the characters are cool, so you better check it out, all right?

So many enemies

No-one said it'd be easy for our silent assassins. They've got every man, woman and wild thing after their asses. Some are total wimps, like the archers which can't hit jack shit. The foot soldiers are a bit tougher, especially if they gang up on you, but where's the honour in that? Dogs are way annoying, nipping at yer ankles and generally pissing you off, so forget they're puppy dogs and run 'em through with your blade. Toughest of all the badasses are the enemy ninja. Like you, they're well handy with a sword, but they still haven't got to grips with all that sneakin'. Advantage you, we reckon.



■ Steady with that bow



■ What complete bullies



■ Down Rover for Pete's sake



■ Shit! get outta here

Bit of a looker?

The graphics are realistic, but not in-your-face. The backgrounds are well impressive and because most of the action occurs in shadowy areas the vibe is dark and tense. This ain't one for the more weak willed among us. It's well scary stuff and after this little lot a walk back from the pub on your own is not an enjoyable experience...



- 1 Do they not need glass in their windows..? 2 What about doors? 3 Shouldn't leave that open
4 Lovely water features

What we don't like

Make your move

Our only gripe with this otherwise nugget of a game is with the control system, which makes it a bit difficult to move your ninja during a ruck. It's too easy to get the wrong side of an enemy, leaving you unable to dish death until you've fuffed about and turned around. It does get easier with a bit of practice, but we still think it's a bitch for the beginner. So there.



■ Don't just charge in...



■ 'Cos you might miss



Could be the definitive ninja game. It's well thought out, well executed and sexier than shagging on a bed of bank-notes. **Rich**

PlayStation

RATED 92%

■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** INFOGRAMES ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

RUSHDOWN

Get extreme thrills with kayaking, mountain biking and snowboarding. To the max, man.

Propel yourself down huge snow-capped mountains on a rickety old bike, some cruddy canoe or a snowboard. Yup, get three brown-trouser sports for the price of one and still have change for some Special Brew.

Heart palpitations

Ah, the wind in your hair and your heart in your throat, nowt like it. Now the couch veggies among you can indulge in three sports without ever having to change disc. That's what we call progress. As far as excitement goes it's a mixed bag: mountain biking wades in first on the white knuckle-o-meter, followed by snowboarding and then kayaking (or canoeing as we call it). It has to be said the kayaking mode is about as exiting as a downer party with your gran, but hey, two out of three ain't bad.



- 1 Don't worry, it's a bridleway 2 If in doubt - jump 3 Put yer back into it 'cos no-one said it was going to be a quiet Sunday ride, get your arse out of the saddle and get pumping

Ghost in the machine

One cool little touch is the option to have a ghost of your previous effort race with you during the arcade retry race. It definitely helps to sharpen your game and make you the daddy. It's hilarious to see how bad you were, but totally depressing when your own ghost beats you. So best knuckle down and cancel your holiday.



■ Do not let him beat you 'cos he's a shadow of your former self...



■ And on the left-hand side is the ghost of shite playing past

What we don't like

The choice isn't yours



There're only four different bits of kit available for each of the three disciplines, which is damn stingy. It would have been cool to choose between a few more, but as it stands you have the choice of, 'as fast as is humanly possible to withstand but with zero handling,' or vice versa. And for those of you who really don't want to commit there's something in between. And you can have whatever you want as long as it's in red...

- 1 This one's fast... 2 This takes corners like Damon Hill 3 This one's totally bog standard 4 Evens out in the end though...



Head down action

There's the option to do scary shit all over the world. Choose from Africa, Europe, America, Asia and Japan. By the time you get to Japan — the last area — it's getting a bit hairy, all tight corners and unravelling tunnels, so tape your eyes open and mainline some strong coffee, 'cos you'll be seeing a lot of the quit/retry screen.



- 1 There's not much support from the locals... 2 It could be it's too cold... 3 Or that you're actually rather crap... 4 Yep, that'll be it...

Sow or supermodel?

The game's no plain Jane, in fact this is damnably attractive. It moves with the sort of style and swagger normally associated with incredibly expensive, gorgeous women. The only slight problem at the moment is the fact that boulders and random bits of mountain are about as solid as air... But then that can only help your ride.



- 1 There are tricky bits aplenty 2 Very soft metal 3 The view from the hill is stunning and rather sexy... 4 Totally radical... Or whatever these board dudes cry... 5 As they fly arse over tit into the side of a mountain

plus

We'd like to say...

This game is a really top idea 'cos it combines three cool sports on one disc, which for those of us who are financially challenged — read: skint — makes muchos sense. But, and there's always a 'but', it seems the jam was spread too thinly: too much ends up being too little, and one sport done well beats three done luke-warm in our book.

Billy no mates

One thing's for sure, competition's a bit thin on the ground. During championship mode there's only one other fellow radical-type dude to race, so as soon as he hacks off leaving you floundering in his wake, you're on your Jack Jones with nothing but a faint arrow to remind you of the competition. Still, after a while it'll spur you into catching him up, if only for the company.



■ I could have been a contender...

■ Instead of a bum

As a package, this has got some nice little features, and it'll keep you amused. But there's a nagging feeling that three sports here is two too many... **Rich**

PlayStation plus
RATED 78%

■OUT NOW ■BY SONY ■COSTS £39.99 ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

PET IN TV

Just think Tamagotchi squared. Yup. Electric pet horror... Avoid! Avoid!

It's a virtual pet. Sure, it doesn't shit on you or bite you. But you'll be watching the little twat try and figure what a rock does or whether a shit is a tasty eat, and you'll be wanting to do stuff that would make RSPCA members cry...

Kid stuff

'Dad! I'm hungry!' 'Dad! Give me money for drugs!' 'Dad! Untie me from this stake in the garden!' Bloody kids. Always moaning. This one should shut 'em up good, though. The kind of 'stroke pet on head', 'talk to pet', 'tell the twat where to go' action we got here's waaaaay too slow and stupid for Joe Adult. One for the kids. For sure.



1 Tell the bastard where to go... 2 Advise him how to interact with objects, so he can 'learn' 3 He's a moody bugger. But you can make him eat shit. Literally. 4 The house computer asks weird questions

The surreal thing

When the Japanese water board decided to put hallucinogens in the water way back in 1947, even they couldn't have predicted just how odd things'd get half a century later. This goes off the scale weird-wise. A little bloke with rotor blades and a funny head trying to work out whether to eat a tree? Go figure.



■ 'Train' the little fella to get over bricks...

■ And how to eat fruit. Then get quite bored

Well. It's dead simple, real colourful, dead dull. It'd be an ideal Xmas prezzie for sprogs, but we think it's immoral to spend £40 on ungrateful little shits. Get 'em socks. Rob

PlayStation
RATED 60%

■OUT NOW ■BY GROlier ■COSTS £39.99 ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

VIRUS 2000

'...And the final score is: Insectoid aliens: 0. Lone hero in spaceship: 3008...

Wipe that grin off your mandibles. I saw you. At least twelve of your compound eyes were looking at me funny.' Yup. It's time to go bug-spray apeshit. The insects are coming. Kill! Kill! Kill!

Gameplay

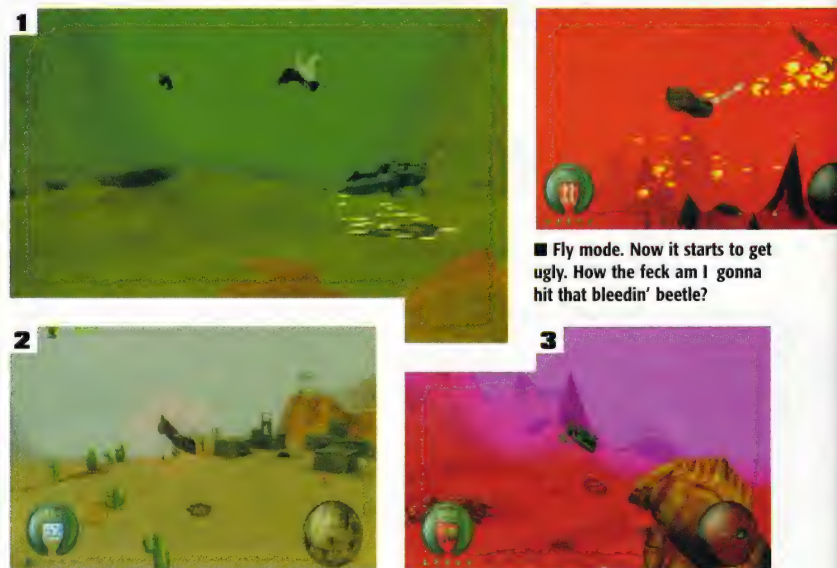
Anything with more than its fair share of eyes is toast. The insects are in town, and you've got to welcome them with a Rentokil party. You've got to fly around blasting them and rescuing human beans. Last man (or bug) standing wins...



1 The insects are coming! Lock up your wives and children! 2 Time to tool up with whatever weapons you can... 3 And pick up some extras like this weight that allows you to dive into the sea 4 Then spread death among the hordes of diseased insects... 5 Stopping to save the beleaguered humes along the way...

Work, damn you!

Flying and shooting in Virus ain't easy. You say to your craft: 'Fly!' 'Shoot!'. It responds 'Wobble!' 'Crash!'. For the first few levels, craft handling fair got our ulcers throbbing. Then we got to grips with it. Then they added strange pockets of wind and turbulence...

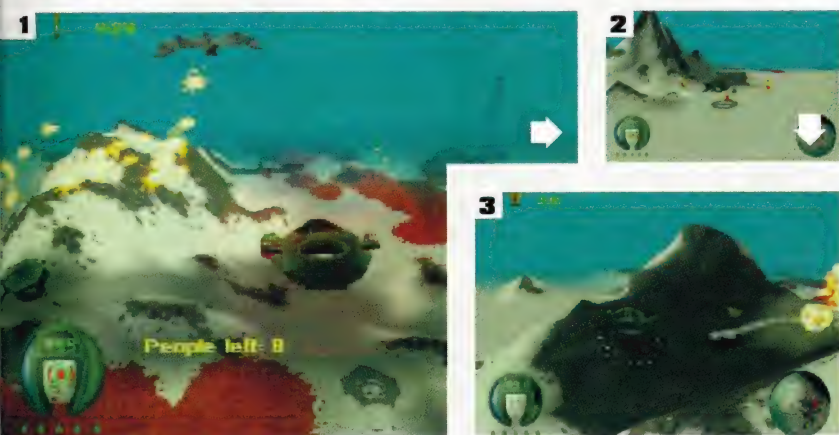


■ Fly mode. Now it starts to get ugly. How the fuck am I gonna hit that bleedin' beetle?

1 Hover mode. Pretty easy, huh? You got the game sussed, right? 2 No! I said to go right! What are you doing, you damn stoopid machine! 3 Once they start putting in serious hazards, you dead, fool...

Slavery

One thing that makes us fine upstanding human fellows different from Johnny Insect is our attitude to labour relations. The bugs, you see, are communists. You, however, my friend are a true-blue Tory. Whenever you see your fellow humans, you abduct them and force 'em to work in your factory, building new guns. Harsh but fair.



- 1 First find your human and beam him up into your spaceship
- 2 And then enslave him in your factory
- 3 New guns! Bonus!

plus

We'd like to say...

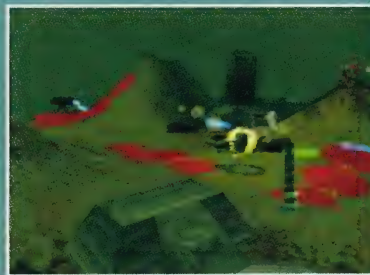
This 'un's another retro gaming classic that's been dug up and polished. The original Virus was a full-on classic back in its day, but time's taken its toll. There's plenty gameplay here, but it's a touch repetitive and wishy-washy for our refined modern palates. And a couple of secret bits and optional routes do not a new game make...

Strategy

It ain't just a question of dusting those creepy-crawlies as fast as you can. You gotta be thinking strategy as well: thing is, if the bugs manage to spill too much virus on your turf or carry off too many of your blokes it's goodnight from you, so you gotta guard yer resources well. And the other thing is, the strategy stuff ain't gonna blow your mind, but it'll keep it ticking over...



- Keep watching the map for insect activity...



- Then get to where your men are under threat



- Start wiping out the insects by any means...



- And there're plenty o' ways to do it...

A few notches short of being a real knee-trembler. There're good ideas in there, but it's a bit repetitive, the controls fry your head and the graphics are patchy. **Rob**

PlayStation
RATED 70%

■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** JVC ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

VICTORY BOXING 2

Take yer ringside seat, it's fight time.

If you thought boxing was about two boneheads mindlessly punching the crap out of each other wearing natty satin shorts, you'd only have half the story right...

What we like

Oh, for facts sake

While the game is loading it shares some great little fight facts: for instance did you know that the longest recorded bare-knuckle fight lasted six hours and fifteen minutes? Now that's a ruck.

www.boxing-news.net

On May 18 1846 Joe Walker was knocked out for 20 minutes at the end of a fight in the Meadow Bowl in Newark, New Jersey. He was the referee. Boxers Mike DeGarmo and Laurie Buxton, plus the crowd, had to wait for him to recover to get the decision as he was the sole judge and referee.

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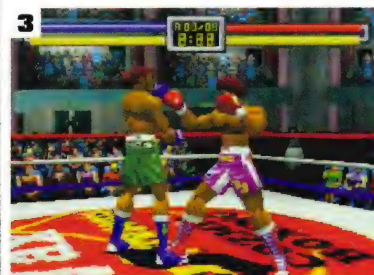
- Games can be educational...

- And mind-numbingly violent too

Controlled violence

Remember this is supposed to be some kind of noble artform. You can't just wade in giving it loads. Good God no: you must employ craft and guile, one sporting brain pitting wits against another. Victory Boxing 2 offers something more than pure uncoordinated violence.

So this means there's no point in just bashing those buttons until your thumbs are sore — there's no point.



- 1 Make sure you keep yer guard up...
- 2 You can bide yer time...
- 3 Duck and weave, testing the water...
- 4 Then, smackola Sonny Boy...

Punch drunk

There're a variety of punches available, ranging from little jabs to all-out uppercuts. It's best to combine these into terrifying attacks. Keeping your guard up is most definitely recommended, otherwise you'll get well battered. Patience is the key.



1 If you so wish you can see up their shorts 2 You can even see down their shorts 3 See yourself being hit 4 See yourself fall down

■ OUT NOW ■ BY SONY ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

BUST-A-GROOVE

Get down and put together some phat and dangerous... err, dancing combos.

A load of funk lovin' groovers have descended from outer space to do dance battle, all infused with the mysterious power of Dance Energy... oh bollocks. For those about to bop we salute you...

What we like

Freaky dancing

If there's rhythm in your thumbs and you hit the beats in time you get to put together three, four and five-move combos. A mite less complex than yer average beat 'em up but miles more pretty. Get five in a row and you're so chillin' you've got to freeze to allow old two left feet next to you time to catch up.



■ Hmm, three moves in a row, nice

■ Four moves in a row, man, you're hot



1 Stickin' five together is considered a major dancing achievement 2 Shit, the hot stepper's put six major moves down, makes him cool 3 Seven in a row? Cool your boots, you're too damn hot...

Sorted

This sorts players with rhythmical talent, a dancing knack and real vibe from the groove incompetents. If you throw down a load of staccato kicks, off-beats, and moves then you become the disco king. Beat all the others and you take on Robo-Z the traffic confusing, four storey-high robot...



1 He's just a-dancing in the street... 2 Which is a real pisser if you're trying to drive crosstown 3 But look at them moves. They're goyjust

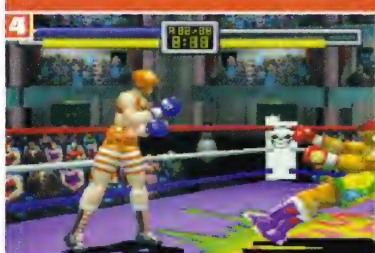
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We'd like to say...

At first glance this game may seem a little limited next to other beat 'em ups as there's no variety of moves. But when did you last see a boxer flipping over and crushing someone's brain between his knees?

Meatheads vs weedyboys

Big is not always better, sometimes ickle, quick people are best, befuddling the dinosaurs of the ring into submission with their quick combos and twinkle-toed footwork. Other times though, nothing beats a big bloke smashing in with a right hook making the opponents brain literally vibrate, it's very, very satisfying.



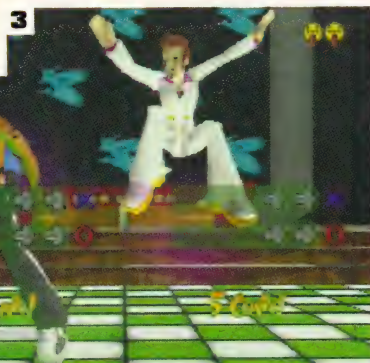
1 Steroids dose perhaps? 2 Girls can play tough... 3 So don't mess, alright? 4 She's a cocky one

This really is not a bad boxing game. It's quite absorbing and needs a little bit of thought. If you don't live and breathe boxing it could become a tad boring though. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 79%

You could be dancin'

Down on the dancefloor, and using all the rhythmical skill God gave you, out-groove the opposition. Put moves together to create combos and dodge the opponents blocking moves. The better you move the more the camera loves ya. So, go with the flow...



1 His name's Hamm and he adores hamburgers, can't ya tell? 2 He's Heat 'cos he's, er hot 3 Pinky's a stripper... 4 And Strike's a mean gangsta...

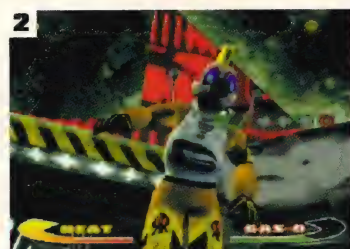
plus

We'd like to say...

The idea's a weird one, but a treat to play with cheesy tunes, bustin' moves and characters with character. It's only let down by a lack of variety. It's like Simon Says without the intrigue, once you master it, you rip through the characters on to the final curtain. But this is still top entertainment.

Ooh, look at you

So who yer gonna be? Strike the gangsta rapper who resides in prison, Hamm the fat burger homeboy who hangs out in the burger bar or Kitty the vixen of house? Each character has their own theme tune, venue and moves. So if you're in heavy techno territory bang the keys faster; slow Caribbean groove? Take your time...



1 Kelly: she wears a kind of romper suit. Crazy
2 Gas-O: wears a gas mask. Mad
3 Shorty: she's only 12. Get to bed girl
4 Frida: wears combats, hangs around hurricanes
5 Kitty N: house diva



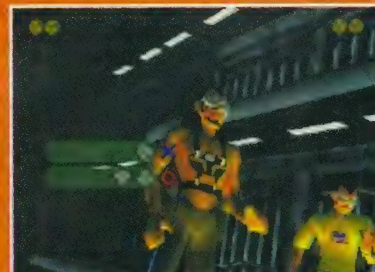
What we don't like

Let's see that again, please

The downside to Bust-A-Groove is you're so intent on watching what you've got to do next, you don't actually see yourself. So there you are spinning on your head, taking three high-kicks in a row and finishing on a back flip and all you see is which direction arrow you need to press next. Bummer.



Here's Pinky, but I'm playing as Strike...



Strike vs Strike: but which one are you?

Beat it up

Choose your character and take on twelve other dancers. Instructions are banged up on screen and you punch in the right keys in time to the music. You make up the rhythm providing you hit the last button on the fourth beat of the bar. The more complex your rhythm, the more groovy you are, the hotter you look, the more likely you are to win...



1 Look good on the floor... 2 Camera pans in... 3 And you score



Dirty dancing

The world of ballroom battles isn't a fair one. Start stringing moves together and your groove scale gets hotter. If you see the opposition getting a tad too keen you've got two foils per bout to inflict on them to cut 'em down and wipe 'em out. If you spot the enemy winding up for a foil you can intercept too, to keep on dancin'.



1 Pinky shows you the card and you're off 2 Gas-O drowns you in his noxious gases 3 The sickeningly sweet Kelly gets justly flamed by Heat

Not only is Bust-A-Groove a break from the norm, it's also a load of laughs, dead easy to pick up and you get to disco dance without leaving the house. David

PlayStation
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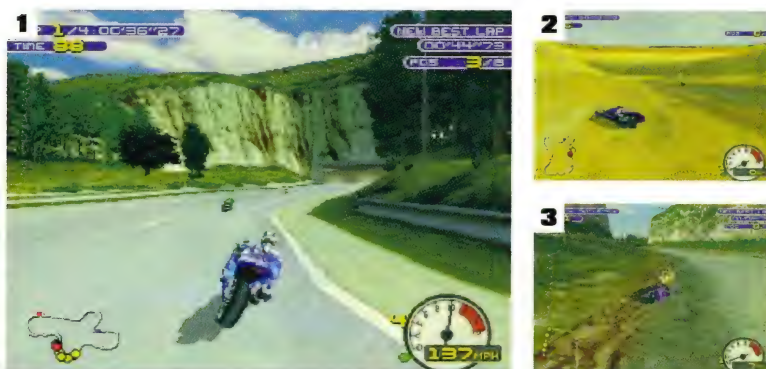
MOTO RACER 2

'Station bike racer in 'not bollocks' shocker: gamers puzzled.

We were in the pub the other night and there was bike racing on the telly. One of us said: 'Shit, that looks just like Moto Racer 2'. Uhhh... time for a reality check, shurely? The 'Station is doing sinister things to our minds...

Off yer bike!

Shit. There goes me bike. Snap. There goes me spinal cord. Yup, crashes are what make the world go round. You can choose between sim and arcade mode on here: in arcade mode you have to work pretty hard to go tits up, but in sim mode, take a corner too hard and that bike'll go slip-sliding out from under you. It'll hurt. You bin warned.



1 Arcade mode. Vroom. Vroom. No need to fear these corners 2 Sim mode. Vroom! Crash! Aaaiieeee! 3 Not to mention 'Kerunch! Smash! Splat!' Time to call casualty, we're in a bad way

What we like

What? Surely you jest

There're certain rules to life. Fat people are always boring. Non-smokers smell weird. 'Station bike racers are always shite. But hang on. This one looks kinda... good. Shit, it even plays good. The handling isn't utter toss. There're loads of tracks. And plenty of shit to do. Has the whole world gone crazy?



■ Check it out! It works! It's not pants! ■ What is this? It looks... good



1 They've disobeyed the laws of nature, dammit... 2 And this is looking mighty fine 3 Reassuringly, however, the soundtrack is still complete and utter bollocks...

Lotsa stuff

Options, options, options. So many options you could sod the game for a day or two and just play 'options'. If you were mental. We got a track editor, variable weather conditions, a championship editor, a sim mode, an arcade mode... get the idea? More options than you can eat. Plenty o' seven-minute frosting on yer racing cake. Coolio.



1 Arcade mode. For beginners... 2 Sim mode. For bonzo bike fans. Mucho falling off is the order of the day... 3 The track editor. Tweak the existing ones or make up your very own... 4And here's one we made earlier 5 Looks nice, dunnit?

plus

We'd like to say...

We're not sure why it's taken so long to make a semi-decent bike racer. But we ain't complaining about Moto Racer 2's arrival on earth. If bike racing floats your boat, this's been worth the wait. It's a fine piece of kit.

Making tracks

The track editor is so cool it'll have your balls scurrying for the warmth of your inner pelvis. You can raise bits, twist bits, add holes and turn a lazy Sunday drive into total mayhem. You can edit all tracks, make up your own, or create your own championship.



■ Gently tweak the track at control points...

■ Add bumps, choose your scenery



Sackloads of tracks. A groovy track editor. Proper bike handling. This looks like a scorcher. Buy a copy, buy ten and let the good times roll. Rob



RATED 91%



not actua quick enough.

are you actua quick enough ?



THE UNHOLY WAR

Vicious, bloody, merciless future war. It's fun for all the family!

The Arkanes and the Teknos don't invite each other to parties. They don't go to the same bars. Put 'em in a room together and the temperature drops. Put 'em on a planet together with a sackload of kick-ass weaponry, and jeezus...

Spell it out

While your boys are moseying around on the hexes, trying to square up to each other, they can do other cunning stuff like casting spells and chucking nukes at each other. Not very big nukes, mind. One devious little shit can even teleport around the map so's if you leave your base for a second he's in there making himself at home...



1 Girl on monster. She can heal your blokes after they've been in a scrap 2 Teleporting bloke. Can raise the other fella's blood pressure bigstyle 3 Mr Nuke. Can drop big ones on people near him... 4 Prana Devil. He can spawn others of his own filthy kind

What we like

Summat new, innit?

Blimey, there're all sorts in here. It's the only game ever to make hex-based strategy-type stuff faintly socially acceptable. 'But how can this be?', you gasp. It's cos the hex-based shit is just the hors d'oeuvre: the main course is unfeasibly violent one-on-one combat between various magicky blokes with all sorts a tasty special powers. It rules.



1 Thinking caps on. You've got to move your blokes around and outwit folks 2 Take that thinking cap off. Use the scenery to beat the hell out of the other fella 3 Teleport in behind him, twat him, run away, do it again...

Fighting, thinking

For those of you whose grey matter is only slightly more functional than porridge, there's the 'Mayhem Mode'. And it does exactly what it says on the tin. It's mayhem. Just choose a fighter, slug it out, choose another fighter, slug it out again. For two players, it rocks.



■ Campaign Mode. Mucho thinking required



■ Mayhem Mode. No need to think



■ If you're arsed, fight for the planet's future



■ If not, destroy any twat in your path...

... in the blue corner

So what is it about this game that's got a bunch of urban sophisticates like us messing around with hex-based combat, an activity that's up there with genocide in the social acceptance stakes? Well it's all down to the weapons-grade coolness of the fighters: animals, wizards, rhinos, blokes that fly, teleporting blokes. The full deck. Sweet.



1 Robot slugs people 2 Wasp girl annoys people 3 Razorfang bloke: up close 4 Cute Rhino - Punches 5 Archmage fella. Hurls magic. It hurts

Money, money, money

Y'see, the planet that the Arkanes and the Teknos are having their little spat over is riddled with this stuff called AUR. It's raw energy in highly concentrated form. Kind of like Kendal Mint Cake. If you sit in your base hex, you mine cake. Get 'nuff cake, and you can buy new blokes and cast nasty spells. Lose your base, no more cake...



■ Hold that base: the only way to get moolah



■ When you've got money, buy new blokes...

plus

We'd like to say...

Games where you move on a hexagonal grid give us migraines. They're usually hyper-accurate depictions of World War II battles, played solely by men with beards who wear sweaters and haven't had sex for 20 years. Bad shit. But here, the bit where you move yer men between hexes is the sizzle not the steak. Down and dirty man-to-man, that's where it's at in this 'un. And we like it like dat.

Mix this pussy

Thing is, most of the characters only have a couple of attacks up their sleeves. But before you think 'I'll get me coat', there's enough of 'em for that not to make any difference. And throw in the huge number of arenas you get to fight in, each with their own nice and nasty bits of scenery and we've got a right mix of stuff to play about with.



1 Ooh, those nasty Arkanes. It makes me mad 2 Fight! Fight! Errrr... I'll hold your jacket, big man... 3 My what big teeth you have, Grandma 4 The Prana Devil was always a big hit at parties with his endless japes 5 Line 'em up. Knock 'em down. Do it again...

Plenty of fighting. Plenty of thinking. This one's an original idea that works pretty darn well. It's got looks, it's got charm. It goes like a bunny. What you waiting for? Rob

PlayStation
RATED 89%

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

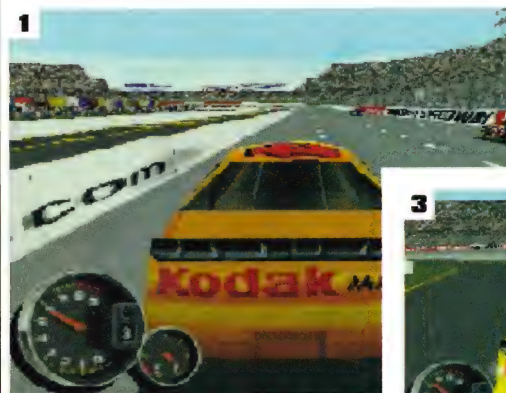
NASCAR 99

Beware, cack comes in many guises. And what goes around goes 'round and 'round...

The previous two Nascar games didn't exactly set the world alight. Dull was one way of putting it. Could Nascar 99 break the mould and haul back the reputation of American track racing? The answer unfortunately is a resounding no.

Oval you say

Can you imagine the unbridled pleasure of speeding around a track shaped like an oval? It's difficult to contain the excitement and expectation isn't it? Now imagine 18 different tracks and all but three of them are ovals. It hurts so bad just to know this is allowed to happen in real life let alone on your precious 'Station. To be honest this is so boring we had to inject adrenalin into our eyeballs just to keep us this side of a coma.



1 Watch that straight 2 Shit is that a corner? 3 Is that the crowd or another bend?

What we don't like

You complete yanker

Apart from the ovals, what really grates is the crappy American commentators, urging you on to even greater heights of ovaltastic mayhem. Crazy Yanks. Graphics, don't they just make a game? Shame that, 'cos we're shit outta luck on that front. Gameplay. Now if you ain't got that you ain't got nothing. Oh dear, tad lacking there too, although to be fair gameplay's probably its biggest strength, but then again, that's not saying too much.



1 Tweak that car to take on the crazy course curves... 2 To make it better 3 Why do we bother?

If you tolerate this your children will be next. If you really want to be bored and look at an oval, why not go and watch a cricket match instead? More interesting. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 50%

SPYRO THE DRAGON

'What big eyes you have, Spyro.' 'All the better to nauseate you with, my dear'.

If you want your mates to think of you as a roughneck whisky-swillin', cigareet-smokin', badass sumbitch, start cussing Spyro the Dragon now. This is the alpha and omega of girls' games. Brace yourselves for cutesy overload...

What we like

Suck on this!

One of the three games available for Nintendo's excellent N64 console features a fat plumber who explores big 3D levels and goes down holes in the ground. Owners of this fine console have often said that the PlayStation couldn't come up with a full 3D exploration that looked as damn fine as their plumber's antics. Wrong! Watch 'n' weep!



■ Plenty o' exploration for our nauseating little reptile chum...



■ And he's even got the eyes the size of dinner plates that o' Mario boasts



■ See! Exploration! Can you get to that thing way off in the distance?



■ But of course you can. Loads gems! Was it good for you too?

My mate Ralph

The far-from-sinister Gnorc the Gnasty is trying to destroy the revoltingly cute kingdom of the dragons. Now, having had a gander at Spyro's chums, we're right with Gnorc on this one. But as it is, we're supposed to side with the most sick-making dragon of all.



1 Ugghhhh. Make those eyes a teeny bit smaller. Please 2 That Gnorc. He's got the right idea, y'know 3 Your dragon chums are just as repellent as you are, little Spyro



Objects!

You won't need to be Brain of Britain to get your head round the gameplay on this 'un. In fact, even having a brain is probably optional. Toast or headbutt everything that moves. Pick up everything that don't. Pick up lots of things, and you get extra lives, access to new worlds, shit like that. You get the idea...



1 Gems. You'll be seeing a lot of these fellas 2 Dragon eggs. Collect plenty o' eggs to get to the fourth world 3 More gems. You need thousands of the bastards to get ahead 4 Your main goal is to free dragon chums from their icy prisons 5 And when you do it, they give you all sorts of advice. What lovely dragons

Shit! Stop it!

Like all true blokes, we have a manly terror of anything that could vaguely be described as 'girly'. So we've tried to resist Spyro. Honest we have. But it keeps coming back at us with little clever secret bits and new nifty ways through the levels. 'Begone, tempter!' we cry. And then we sneak back for another go. Just one, mind...



1 Head down the speed-up bit to do a super jump... 2 Get it right, and you can get into new secret bits... 3 And li'l Spyro can even fly. Innee cute? 4 More secret stuff. Damn your scaly hide, Spyro. Damn your cute little ass...

Shenanigans

Just take a look at your average child. Look at the trouble it has just walking about or getting food in its mouth without spilling drool-ridden chunks down its front. Now this game's aimed squarely at the kids, and it kinda shows: they've let the little twats have it just a liiittle bit easy. If you're half-way decent, you'll romp through. We warn you.



1 Can you kick 'em? Yes you can... **2** He may be big, but underneath he's a little pussy **3** Can you make the jump? You could make it blindfold **4** Easy peasy pudding and pie **5** Feel my fire, you little poncey twat



plus

We'd like to say...

Children get all the fun: Spyro, breastfeeding, Lego. It's time for us to reclaim these joys. But we'll do our reclaiming where our mates can't see. The time when Spyro is acceptable entertainment's a long time off yet.

We're off to see the wizard

Headbutt. Flash fry. Those're your two basic attacks, and you'll be doing a whole lot of 'em. But credit to the boys: they've made a real effort with the baddies so there's plenty variety in the way you take 'em down. Master your flying headbutts, your headbutt-fry combos and other Zen Spyro-ing skills. You'll need 'em...



Wizards. They summon others to twat you



Metal bloke riding big bastard. Flame 'em



Big scorpion effort. Speed-up and ram him



Cannon bloke. Spins his cannon to twat you

So cute it's vile. But underneath that sugary schmaltz coating, this is a clever little platformer that plays like a beast. Just don't let yer mates catch you at it. **Rob**

PlayStation
RATED 88%

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY SONY ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

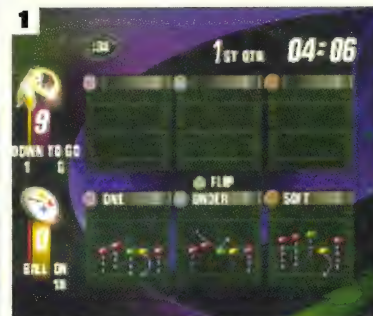
NFL EXTREME

They have the nerve to call it football. Twats. It's rugby in helmets and tights...

American Football never caught on here. No surprise really, 'cos it's too damned complicated and a sixty minute game usually lasts four hours because there's so much stoppage time. But still we get bombarded with 'em. No fair...

Loadsa jargon

Wos it all abaat? God only knows. The basic idea is to get the ball to your opponent's end zone. Do it and you get a touchdown. You can do this by either running or passing the ball, choosing a play from a list of hundreds. And while this sounds like a walk in the park, it's actually dead tedious. True, you get to coach and play in the team, but there just ain't enough hands-on action to get your pulse pumping.



1 They're not smarties, they're players **2** Don't forget a bit of tactics shit **3** Hmm, didn't really help **4** His arse is on fire



See the whites of their eyes

This game is quite a looker. The players move dead well and the graphics in general are clean and crisp. There are some pretty cool special effects in there too, like the lightning strike when you intercept the ball. Nice.



1 Look at those tats **2** Ooh, that's dirty **3** Nice balls

What we don't like

Computer control

The control system is an awkward mutha to get on with. It takes a while to work out which plays throw or run the ball, and is made even more confusing by the wide players diving all over the shop. You can give in and let the computer choose the plays, but then what's the point of playing at all?



■ Blink and you'll miss it



■ Oh there goes another

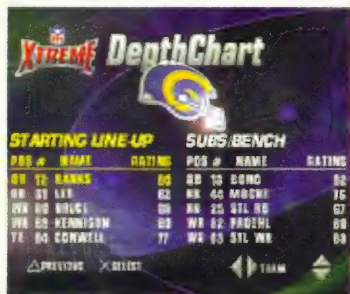
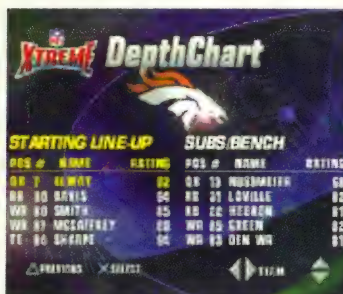
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We'd like to say...

If you're not a massive Yank football fan you'll hate this game. Even more than the real thing. Y'see, games should be exciting and give the player full control. When you're left to sit back and watch the show it gets pretty boring, especially when the action sequences last little more than few seconds. Yawn.

Full of it

Like reading game manuals? Then you'll love this. It goes into every tiny detail about the blokes in the teams, plus every fact, stat and story about the players from the current league. The only thing it lacks is genital measurements, but then there's enough helmets in the game already without introducing bell-ends to the fray.



1 Looks a bit hard 2 Do we need to know this? 3 It has to mean something 4 Cheeky bugger

This is far too clever for its own good. Games should involve the player right from the start, not leave them staring at stat screens. Accountants'll love it, though. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 71%

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY GT INTERACTIVE ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, LINK CABLE

ROGUE TRIP

Death! Destruction! Rage! Fat tourists and killer poodles... Sounds scary.

It's a post-apocalyptic hell all right. Society's gone to pot and we're left with loons in souped-up deathwagons with only two things on their minds: killing tourists, and having their piccy taken. Now this is going to be violently funny...

What we like

Taking the piss

Although this game's about as sophisticated as roadworks it does have a sense of humour about it which can't be bad. It takes great pleasure in taking the piss when you mess up. A game that fights back? This we like.



■ They really rub it in



■ But revenge can be yours

A thousand ways to die — choose one

Lesson number one is don't stay still. Put your foot down and get tooled-up. There're loads of types of weapons, all waiting for you to get medieval. And don't hold back because the twisted sons of bitches you're up against really don't like you, and they aren't shy in coming forward.



1 That'll be a new bumper then 2 Death really, really hurts 3 Even the cows get it

Fifty points for a tourist

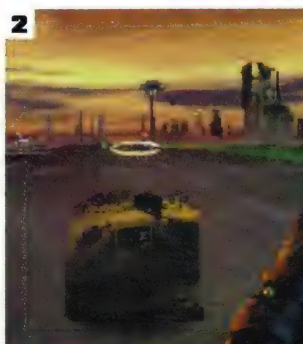
Let's face it, those slow-moving, tartan-trousered Yank tourists have been asking for it, waddling around going, 'Gee ain't it swell?' The answer in this game is, 'You're not if plastered over my bonnet, lard arse! Kill or kidnap 'em, collect cash and get your picture taken. It really would be so simple... Apart from the small matter of staying alive yourself.



1 Go for the jugular 2 This plane ain't going anywhere 3 Mind you, don't hit one of those UFOs

Choose your weapon

Each vehicle has its special weapon, from giant killer hoola hoops, to packs of frenzied poodles. Why? Because variety's the spice of extinguishing life. Drive around to discover the very latest in life-shortening hardware.



1 Killer hoola hoops – very tasty 2 And the missile-guided boomerangs are sure gonna do the biz...

■ Heavenly body

Gameplay

This one's got gameplay that's so easy even a corpse could master it. All you have to do is point and shoot. It's also well easy to change between your weapons, making creative, imaginative carnage a real possibility. Bonza.



■ Bridges are for wusses



■ Keep pumpin'

plus

We'd like to say...

This baby ain't gonna win any awards in the originality stakes. It drives like a bastid down a well-worn motorway of cars and death. But don't hold that against it. Rogue Trip gives us an extra portion of pyrotechnic destruction and the ability to wipe out nauseating tourists. Which, let's face it, is no bad thing...

Sunday driver

There's a nice slice of variety as far as the levels go, ranging from the White House mall to Area 51, which comes armed with flying saucers, and no doubt the authorities would still deny actually exists. So there are no lack of places to go to rain death and terror down on poor unfortunate pedestrians.



■ This is the way of damnation, stay away



■ Hard to believe these were once prime apartments, now look at them



What a stupid place to put a graveyard, still if it's in the way, toast it. Blow the hill, blow everything. You gotta do it to them before they do it to you – it's the law of the urban jungle...

Death, driving and exterminating the odd tourist – a brilliant recipe. But this one has been overcooked. We demand more innovation, OK? Rich

PlayStation
RATED 76%

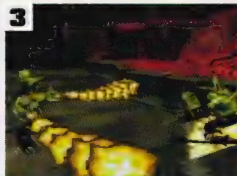
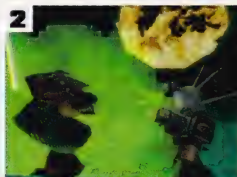
BIOFREAKS

Well, what do ya know? Apparently post-apocalyptic America is full of half-mutant, half-mechanical freaks — and they're all gagging for a fight.

Freaks eh? If they're not in the circus, making dodgy porn flicks or appearing on Kilroy, you can bet your ass they're in their own videogame. And look, here they are in Biofreaks: a beat 'em up positively stuffed with the ugly bastards.

Gameplay

It ain't brain surgery. Choose a freak then beat the crap out of your opponent. Rip his arm off and slap him with the wet end. There are shitloads of moves in there, including nifty projectiles and special attacks, in addition to some fantastic aerial battles. The one-player game is a bit naff 'cos the computer's no great shakes. But hey, it's a beat 'em up, it's meant to be played with a mate.



1 Rip the other geezer's arms off. Then laugh and watch as the blood spews out **2** This is some kind of a shield presumably **3** Ouch! Now that looks well painful. Do it to him before he does it to you...

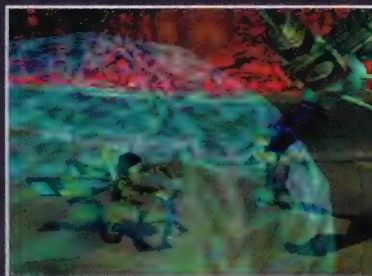
What we like

Blood 'n' guts

As if all this talk of freakin' freaks ain't enough to put you off your dinner, Biofreaks is chock-full of blood 'n' guts. Manage to pull off one of the cool special moves and you can tear the other poor freak's arm clean out of its bleeding — literally — socket. Or use your thrusters to leap high into the air and barbecue the mutant bastid with your handy flamethrowers.



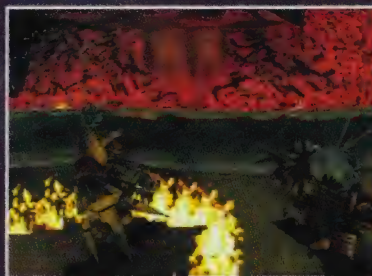
■ Hey man, your breath stinks



■ Cool explosions



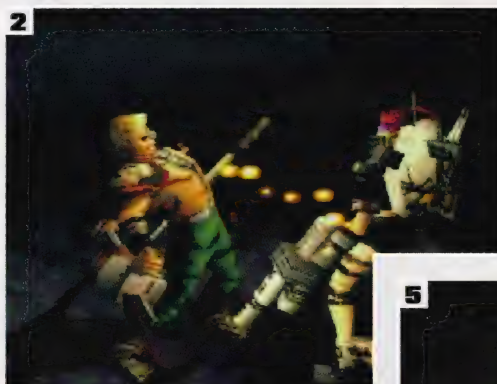
■ You don't want one of them up yer ass



■ Don't piss this guy off

You belong in a circus mate

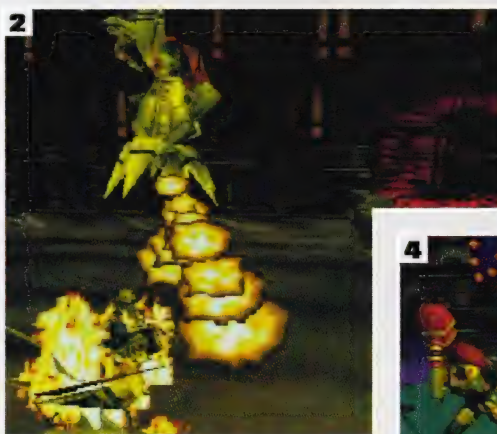
It's a game about fighting freaks. But these aren't your ordinary just-escaped-from-the-circus, in-bred, half-brothers-with-hideously-deformed-mutant-flipper-hands kinda freaks. These are bio-mechanical freaks, with their puny human limbs replaced by ultra-powerful weapons of destruction. And there isn't a bearded lady or rat boy in sight.



1 Dance you mutant mutha **2** Energy sapping action **3** I'm gonna rip yer bleedin' guts out! **4** Keep away from this woman **5** Those bastard buzz saws'll hack you to pieces

Fightin' arenas

Playing Biofreaks, it's not just the freakish opponents that get tougher, but the fighting arenas too. Some have lava flowing around them which sap your energy if you get chucked in, others have huge mechanical rollers to crush you if you get too close to them. So you have to use the dodge button to move out of harm's way then twat your opponent from behind.



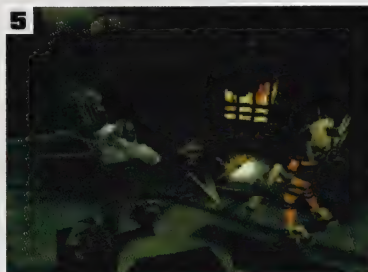
1 You don't wanna get caught in the rollers **2** Yer gonna need flame-retardant underwear **3** It's just like Star Wars **4** Watch out for his huge mallet

Graphics

A bit like Geri Spice. Rough around the edges, but after five pints who gives a shit? The camera angles are a tad unhelpful at times and some of the arenas are a bit tatty. But the fighters and special effects are top-notch, so you'll be able to show Biobreaks off to yer mates without fear of getting laughed at. Which is probably the most important thing.



1 The special effects are pretty decent 2 Cool smoke effects 3 Careful of the green ooze 'round the edge 4 Looks smart, doesn't it? 5 You don't wanna mess with this guy's missus



plus

We'd like to say...

So it's another beat 'em up? Well, no. Biobreaks is a refreshing break from the old routine. There are plenty of weapons, loads of gore and some cool special moves in there. It could have done with a bit more spit and polish on the graphics, but it's still a top effort.

Controls

Most players should be able to get to grips with Biobreaks fairly quickly, because the basic controls have been kept nice and simple. In addition to your standard left and right punch and kick buttons, you've got dodge buttons to side-step opponents' attacks, a booster button for aerial combat, a fire button for weapons and also limited use of a shield. It's a piece o' piss really.



1 Watch out for this geezer's massive flamethrower 2 Another energy-sapping combination attack 3 Er... ya don't wanna fall for that one

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NHL 99

An ice hockey game that ain't total wank? Pull the other one...

Winter's a-coming. That means Uncle Sam is eyeing up spaces on game shop shelves, looking to fill 'em with millions of his identical ice hockey games. Curse that mustachioed Yank! Here comes his first shot...

Kinda fun

We hate Americans. We hate their food. We hate their music. That's why it hurts to admit this is actually a real laugh. It's way easy to pick up and play, it's fast as you like, and it's nice 'n' easy to slot 'em in the net. Playability central. Curses.



1 Twat! Bok! Clatter! The puck's way too big, but it slip-slides with the best 2 Movement's realistic and passing's smooth 3 And shooting's easy as pie 4 ...Until you put it on harder difficulty levels

What we like

Put 'em up! G'wan! Put 'em up!

'Excuse me, sir. I just wanted to lodge a polite but firm complaint about your bodychecking technique.' Translated into ice hockey player terms, this comes out as: Fist in the chops! Hockey stick in the genitals! Makes sense. Fights are big on the menu here: you get to do the punching and hitting of your opponents, and there's even commentary on 'em...



1 'Oi! Bastaaard! Now you've got his attention... 2 Clock 'im one beat 'em up style! 3 Want some more, you scared-assed punk? Come get some!

This one's violent, gory and bloody good fun. It ain't gonna cause Tekken 3 to lose much sleep, but it's definitely a fighting contender for the best of the rest. **Lee**

PlayStation
RATED 85%

OK, so it's another ice hockey game. But it plays smooth and sleek, it looks the business, and the commentary is top-notch. Go on. Have a go. You'll like it. **Rob**

PlayStation
RATED 86%

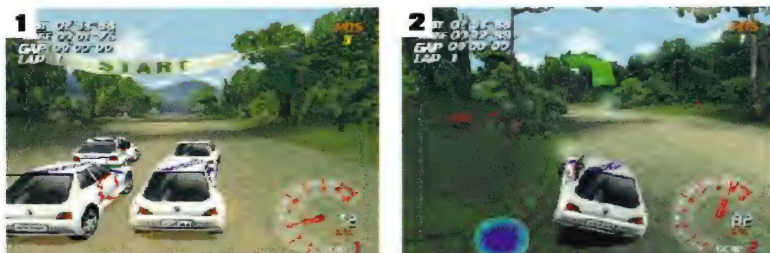
V-RALLY

One year on and it'll still make you wet yer pants...

This one broke the mould a year back. Now it's 'rally' cheap and sitting on a shelf calling out your name. Is there any way you can resist it? Better find out...

Back in the days when

At the time of its release this caused quite a stir. Think thermonuclear, then add a dash of napalm and you're getting close. See, it was a scary beast, fast as lightning, with a monster amount of courses, and a control system that needed — no, demanded — total respect. And concentration. It was Madam Whiplash, and yeah we were her little lapdog.



1 There's always going to be someone stuck in neutral 2 Two-wheel cornering is not recommended for stability 3 The inside lanes are the best... well, most of the time

Any good still?

Does it still excite? Well I've only just got my heart rate back to normal, and I put down the joypad an hour ago. There may be better on offer now, but this is far from cack. It's still best to wear an extra set of trolleys, and there's no higher recommendation than that.

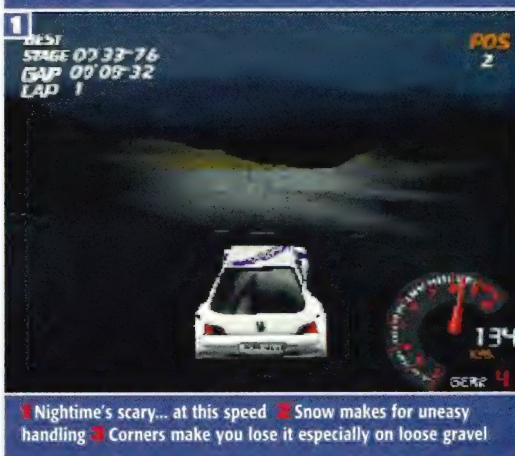


1 Use the guy in front to guide you... 2 See the finish line and floor it... 3 Who's laughing now, eh?

What we like

Let's lay down some tracks

It has some pretty awesome features, such as 42 different tracks, plus loads of different cars and different types of surfaces and weather conditions. As a bonus the platinum edition comes with a new car: the Corolla WRC. Anoraks will not be disappointed, and the rest of us will be right made up.



1 Nighttime's scary... at this speed 2 Snow makes for uneasy handling 3 Corners make you lose it especially on loose gravel



plus

We'd like to say...

Fair enough there is one rally which may now be considered better, but even Colin McRae himself wouldn't have the front to diss this game. It's still got the right ingredients to make it well worth a spin.

Fast as you like

One really cool aspect of this game is the sense of speed you get when you're cruising along: the road's just a blur, and your cheeks are somewhere round your ears. As racing games go it's a speed-freaks fantasy.



■ This isn't legal you know



■ Who cares, this is pure sport

winner

For a mix of stunning gameplay, detail and sheer excitement, not much comes close, and at a cool 20 nicker you'd be a fool not to indulge. Rich

PlayStation

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GRAND THEFT AUTO

Steal cars! Kill policemen! Deal hard drugs! That is entertainment...

If you've read the tabloids, you'll know this game will steadily corrode your morals, turning you into a deranged, murdering psychopath who eats cop liver pâté on toast for lunch. And now it's only twenty quid!

What we like

Oil Ugly!

Looking at ugly things makes you ill. This is a self-evident truth. But we still like GTA, even though it's a bit of a pig. How can this be? It's because there's big bundles of stuff to be doing, fat bags of atmos, and there're touches that're just classy royale, like how the music changes depending on which motor you nab...



■ Step in a pick-up and the music goes all Country and Western...



■ One of Uncle Fu's boys is on the phone. Wanna try telling him to hold?



1 Jump in a cop car and you even get to turn on the flashing lights... 2 And pick up a Kill Frenzy for extra points. And lots of lovely killing 3 Woah! Road block! Time to take evasive action!

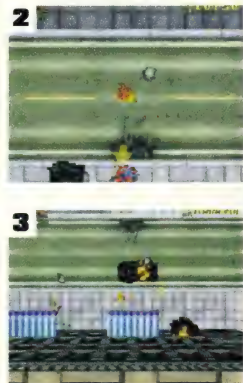


Blimey! It's the rozzers!

If you bust caps into pedestrians and steal people's cars, the pigs will eventually down their doughnuts and set off in pursuit. Then the trouble starts. It starts double bad if you ice a copper. When the heat is on, find a garage, get a respray and new plates. Game on again...

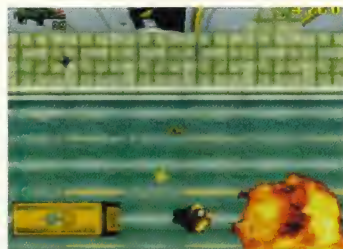


1 OK. I'm sorry I killed your buddy. But really. This's all a bit excessive 2 You'll never take me alive, pig! 'Suits me fine, scumbag' 3 Doh! Where to go? Where to go? Them boys in blue gotcha fenced in...



Missions

Steal cars, drill policemen through the torso, dole out heroin to school kids. Fun, fun, fun. But GTA ain't just you larking about. Blokes called stuff like Jimmy 'Tropical Fruit Cocktail' Garciano and Louie 'Chess Piece' Cinzano are phoning you on the mobile and telling you to head places and do stuff. And Messrs Garciano and Cinzano ain't patient guys...



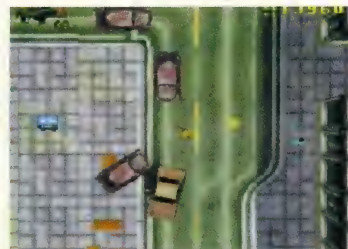
■ 'I need yer to do me a mission. So, listen up, and make it down there fast, y'unnerstan?'



■ OK! OK! So I head north, crack out the major weaponry... and then what?



■ Now another major drive down to the Southside...



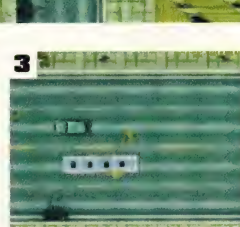
■ And blast some unlucky bastid in the head. Don't mess with Joe 'Two Lumps' again...

Car wars

The smart criminal about town needs a decent motor like he needs a gold chain and a command of phrases like 'owwight geeza'. But don't think about that nought per cent finance plan down at Stan's Motors: you got to nick those wheels. Run up to the car, drag the driver out and you're laughing. Choose well, my son...



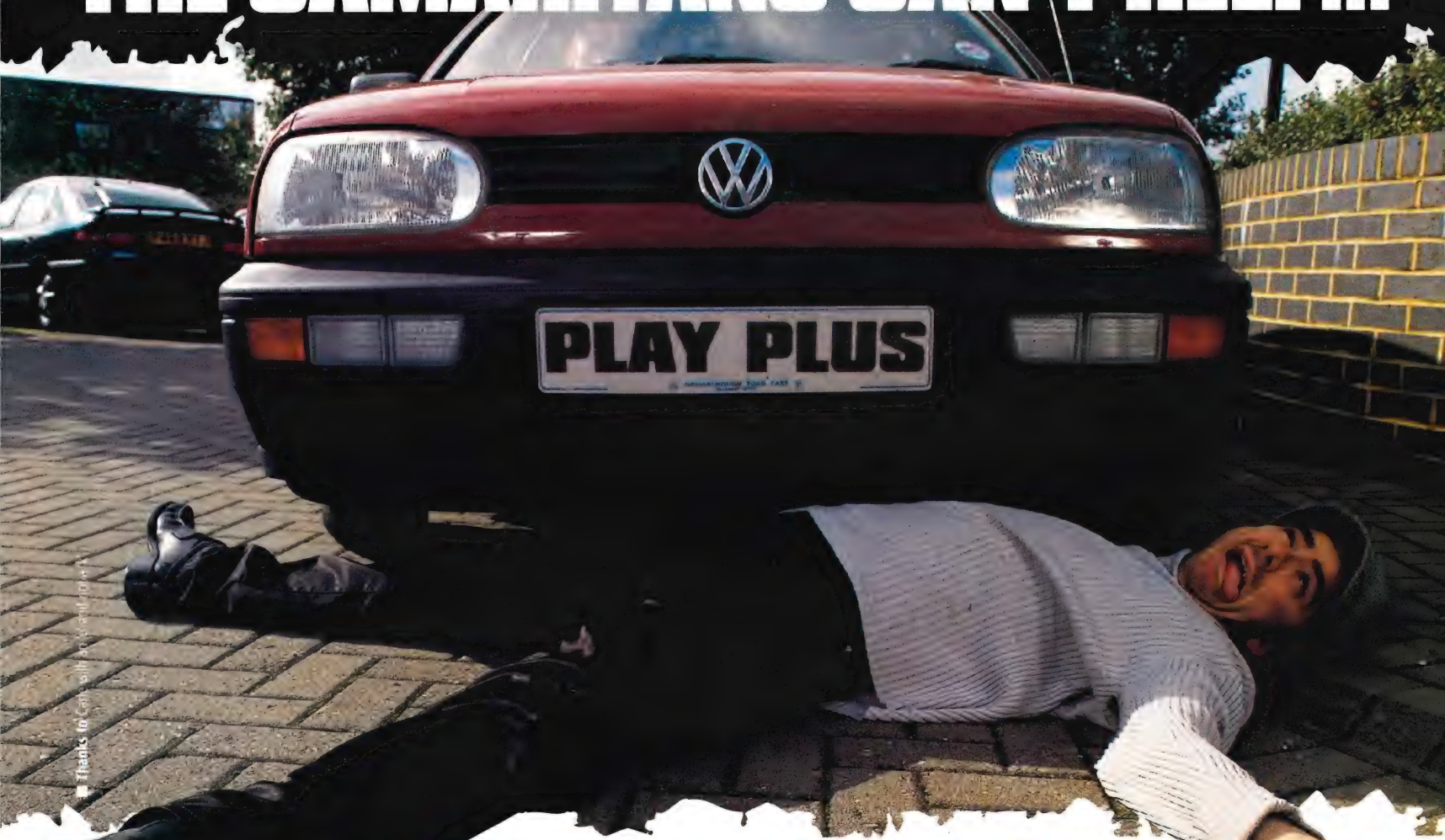
1 Sporty effort, useful for getaways and shit – bastard to control 2 Pick-up truck. It'll do at a pinch 3 Bus. Nobody gets in your way. 4 Bomb truck. Park next to nearest children's home. Stand well back



We'll not waste your time pretending GTA doesn't look shit. It's pig-ugly. But there's a total blast of a game in there: absorbing, off-the-wall, bleedin' fast. And naughty. Rob

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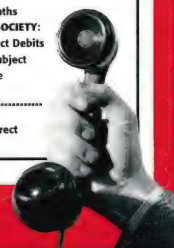
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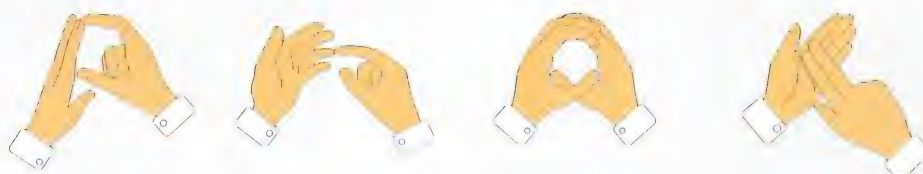
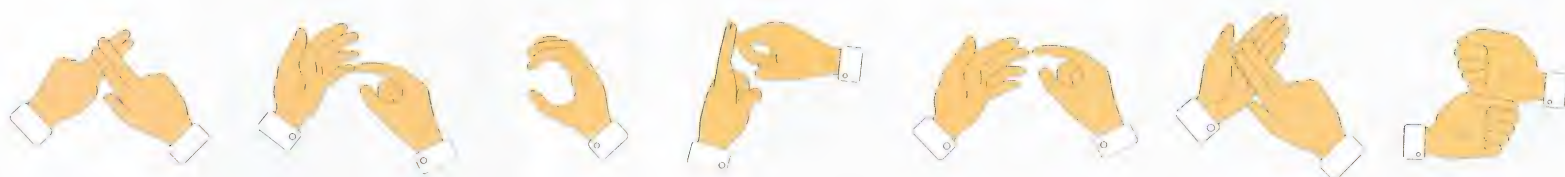
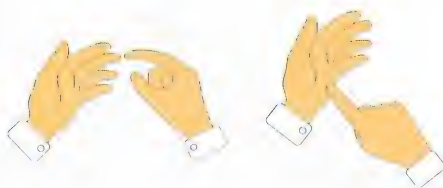
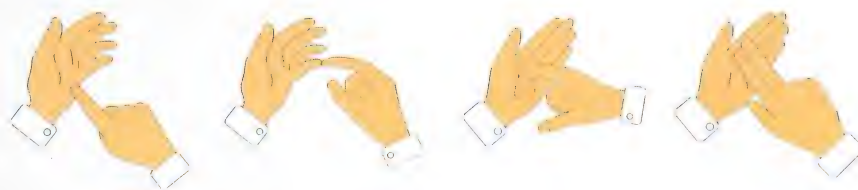


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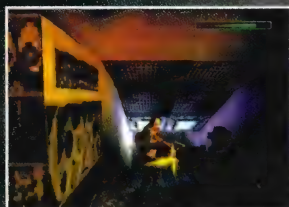
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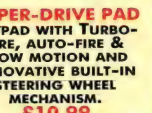
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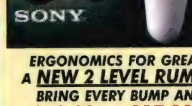
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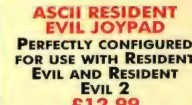
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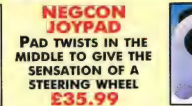
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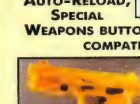
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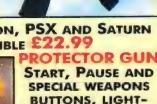
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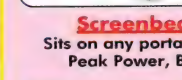
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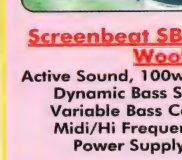
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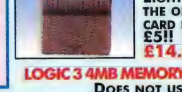
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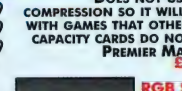
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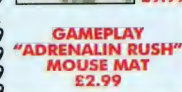
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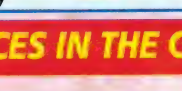
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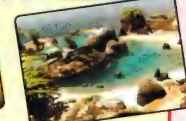


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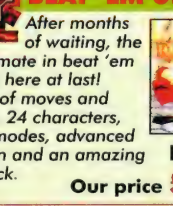
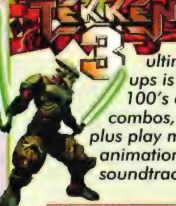
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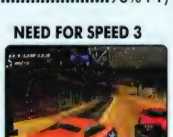
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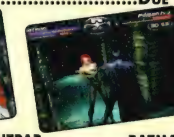
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Our Colin drops two chart places.
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- (5) Tekken 2 (Platinum)
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Manager sim drops down the table.
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Still the best racer for your cash.
- (7) Point Blank Bundle Pack (Sony)
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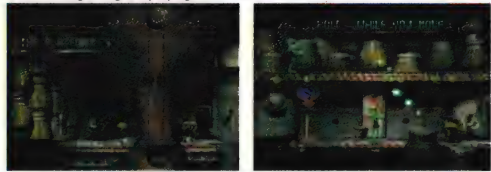
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Company: Who sells it? **Players:** How many can play? **Memory Card:** Can you use one to save games? **Link-up:** Can two players play on two machines? **Mouse:** Do you need one? **Multitap:** Allows lots of players to play **Special:** Guns or special controllers?

Actua Golf 2 £44.95

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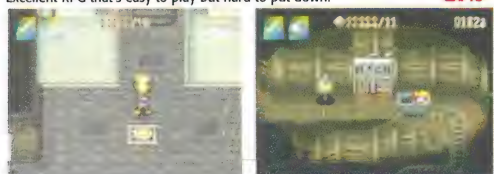
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Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Yeuch. **35%**

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This RPG is packed with interesting ideas. Let down by shit save system. **67%**

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Blasto £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries. **56%**

Blast Radius £44.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Good-looking space blaster only let down by lack of variety. **83%**

Blam! Machinehead £44.99

Company Core Design ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Hard to work out. But once you get into it, it's a gripping 3D blaster. **89%**

Blazing Dragons £44.99

Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Graphic adventure. Good humoured, but too much like hard work. **87%**

Bloody Roar £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **92%**



Bomberman World £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Explosive cutesy murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must. **83%**

Break Point £44.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. **73%**

Brahma Force £44.95

Company JVC ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

Breath of Fire III £39.99

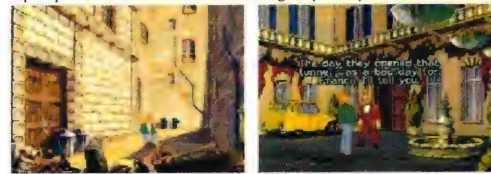
Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. **84%**

Broken Helix £39.99

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. **70%**

Broken Sword £44.99

Company SCE ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%**



Broken Sword 2 £34.99

Company SCE ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. **91%**



Burning Road £44.99

Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
The PlayStation's equivalent of Daytona USA. Good gameplay and looks. **88%**

Bubble Bobble Pack £44.95

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections. **84%**

Bubsy 3D £34.99

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss. **30%**

Buggy £39.99

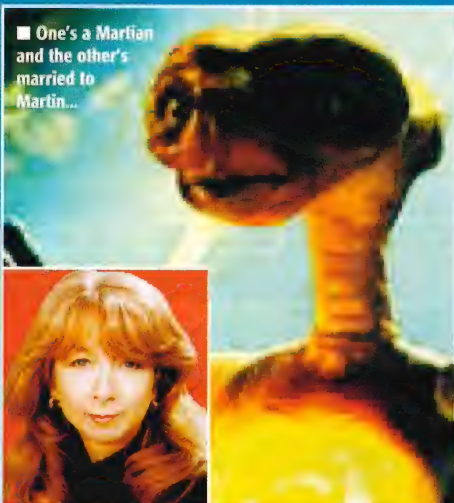
Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Worth-a-look-racer that won't change your life. **78%**

Bug Riders	£39.99
Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. A load of cock.	34%
Bushido Blade	£39.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse.	83%
Bust a Move 7	£19.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time.	89%
Bust-a-Move 3	£34.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move.	85%
Cardinal Syn	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords.	82%
Carnage Heart	£34.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Build some robots, then turn them loose to fight in this strategy game.	74%
Casper	£44.95
Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Graphics are fine and dandy, but the gameplay's totally average.	62%
Castlevania	£44.99
Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Old school 2D action and gameplay galore in this Dracula spectacular.	89%
Cheesy the Mouse	£44.95
Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ The awful main sprite hides some good platform action.	82%
Chessmaster 3D	£44.95
Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✗ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Rough, tough butt-kicking (only joking) chess sim.	87%
Chill	£39.99
Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone.	82%
Circuit Breakers	£39.99
Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Mini-racing effort that's a bit too much like Micro Machines.	80%
City of The Lost Children	£44.95
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying.	68%
Clock Tower	£44.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary.	43%

Lookalikes

Here are the great and good that were cruelly separated at birth. Truly we bring people together. This month: Gail Tilsley off Coronation Street and E.T....

■ One's a Martian and the other's married to Martin...



Colin McRae Rally	£44.99
Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock Memory card ✗ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Superb rally game. Possibly better than sex.	95%
Colony Wars	£44.99
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too.	93%
Command and Conquer	£19.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ It's war, and you're the daddy of destruction. A point and click bloodbath.	90%
Command and Conquer: Red Alert	£39.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✗ Link-up ✓ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C.	93%
Command and Conquer: Retaliation	£39.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✗ Link-up ✓ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ Well worthy next stage in an excellent series.	92%
Constructor	£39.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ Play at being a landlord. Sounds crap? You're wrong, it's ace.	88%
Contra: Legacy of War	£44.95
Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special 3D Glasses Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ 3D Version of the classic shoot 'em up. Solid blasting action.	83%
Cool Boarders	£39.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun.	91%
Cool Boarders 2	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✓ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original.	92%
Courier Crisis	£34.99
Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up.	79%
Crash Bandicoot	£19.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ A bit frustrating, but this is one of the best platformers around.	86%

PlayStation Lab

Number one: Does hair loss make you better at games?

The experiment:

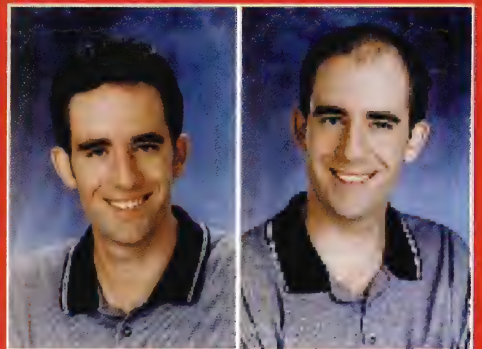
Our volunteer, Dave, had a full head of hair and was a real favourite with the ladies at his office where he worked as a systems analyst. His games prowess was 'average': he was able to reach the third level of Tomb Raider II using just two medipacks. We wanted to see how hair loss would affect his gaming.

The result:

We pulled out most of Dave's hair using our hands. Following the surgery he was asked to play Tomb Raider II once again, where it was seen his had increased by 74%: he was able to reach the fifth level using no medipacks at all.

The verdict:

Hair loss does make you better at games.



■ Dave, before experiment began. A real ladies man. And a snappy dresser

■ Dave, after. Better at games, less popular with the women, dress sense stayed constant

Crash Bandicoot 2	£39.99
Company SCE ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Tasty platformer that's more varied than the first Crash.	87%
Crime Killer	£39.99
Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue Pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Fast mix of driving and shooting lacks variety.	81%
Critical Depth	£34.99
Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue Pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Good two-player submarine blast 'em up. Not so cool in single player.	65%
Criticom	£44.99
Company Vic Tokai ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken.	82%
Croc	£34.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Cutesy graphics don't spoil this challenging platformer.	84%
Crow 2: City of Angels	£44.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ If you hated the movie, you'll hate this even more. Crap fighting game.	33%
Crusader	£44.95
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Excellent shooting and exploring action in this lone commando game.	85%
Crypt Killer	£44.99
Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ The worst lightgun game ever. Stay away!	27%
Cyber Sled	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Dull arcade shooting game. Even Namco can make mistakes.	69%
Cyber Speed	£39.99
Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ You race about on wires. Not a WipOut-beater.	68%
Cyberia	£39.99
Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Underwhelming shooting and puzzle games.	60%

D £44.99

Company Acclaim ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete. **83%**

Dark Forces £44.99

Company Virgin ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Old-style graphics, but still an engrossing Star Wars Doom clone. **84%**

Darklight Conflict £44.99

Company EA ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and is difficult to master. **87%**

Darkstalkers £44.99

Company Virgin ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Street Fighter meets horror meets fairly average gameplay. **78%**

Davis Cup Tennis £44.95

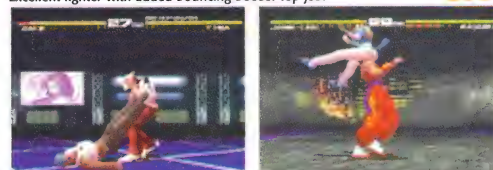
Company Telstar ■ **Players 1-4**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
We reckon this stinker is one of the worst PlayStation tennis titles to date. **50%**

Dead Ball Zone £34.99

Company GT ■ **Players 1-2** ■ **Special Analogue pad**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Hyper-violent sci-fi sport game. With chainsaws. **88%**

Dead or Alive £39.99

Company Sony ■ **Players 1-2** ■ **Special Dual Shock Pad**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Excellent fighter with added bouncing boobs. Top job. **94%**



Deathtrap Dungeon £44.99

Company Eidos ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Tomb Raider-style adventure. But with swords. **90%**

Defcon 5 £49.99

Company Sony ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action. **72%**

Descent £44.99

Company Interplay ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. **91%**



Descent 2 £44.99

Company Interplay ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up. **82%**

Destruction Derby £19.99

Company Psygnosis ■ **Players 1** ■ **Special Negcon/Wheel**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%**

Destruction Derby 2 £19.99

Company Psygnosis ■ **Players 1** ■ **Special Negcon/Wheel**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%**

Devil's Deception £39.99

Company Sunsoft ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Nice idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed. **50%**

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Codemasters: 01926 814132	Ocean/Infogrames:
Electronic Arts: 01753 549442	0161 832 6633
Eidos: 0181 636 3000	Psygnosis: 0151 282 3000
Gremlin: 01142 639900	Sony: 0171 447 1600
GT Interactive: 0171 565 7300	Telstar: 01932 222322
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Konami: 01895 853000	Virgin: 0171 368 2255

Piss off

Celebrities we hate



1. Zoe Ball

Listen carefully to Zoe on the radio. Hear how she has a lot of trouble breathing, like she has to take big gasping breaths between sentences of pure crap. Wouldn't it be great if she had a little bit more trouble breathing?



2. Chris Evans

Outside Liverpool Street station in London is a huge poster advertising Chris Evans' radio programme. Somebody has written 'I'm a prick' across his face. We'd like to shake that person by the hand.



3. Chris Evans' posse

Just try looking it up in the dictionary. Sure enough, the definition of 'a sad, talentless, bunch of no-hope hangers-on, living up the arse of a ginger wanker' is Chris Evans' posse. Which is uncanny, really.



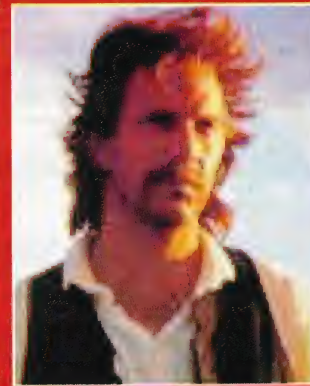
4. Naomi Campbell

Living proof there is no god. If there were he wouldn't give someone so obviously self-centred and obnoxious such stunning looks. And he'd do something about the weather, too.



5. Mr Blobby

Looks like a cock, acts like a twat. Yes, it may be true that in some circles, squealing a lot and falling over is considered comedy. But those circles are usually made up of retards.

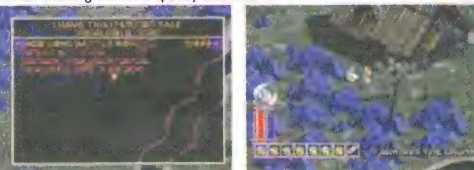


6. Kevin Costner

Not too long ago he was a Hollywood power player. His name alone was enough to get any film made. Then Waterworld and The Postman. Now his name wouldn't get an omelette made.

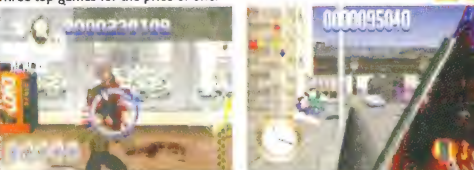
Diablo £39.99

Company EA ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Ace adventuring without a spotty aftertaste. **91%**



Die Hard 4 Trilogy £19.99

Company Fox Interactive ■ **Players 1** ■ **Special Gun/Wheel**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Three top games for the price of one. **92%**



DiscWorld £39.99

Company Psygnosis ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

Disruptor £39.99

Company Interplay ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Duke £19.99

Company GT ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. **80%**

Duke Nukem £39.99

Company GT ■ **Players 1-2** ■ **Special Analogue Pad**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. **91%**



Duke Nukem: Time to Kill £39.99

Company GT ■ **Players 1-2** ■ **Special Analogue Pad**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Duke gets a Tomb Raider-style adventure. Result? Very good, thanks. **89%**

Dynasty Warriors £44.99

Company Ocean ■ **Players 1-2**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

Earthworm Jim 2 £44.95

Company Virgin ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. **78%**

Epidemic £34.95

Company SONY ■ **Players 1**
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game. **64%**

ESPN Extreme Games £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **51%**



Everybody's Golf £39.99

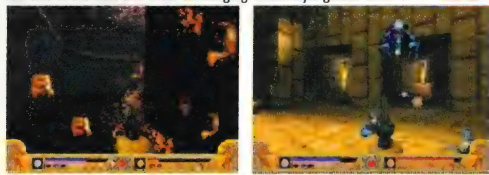
Company Sony Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excalibur 2555AD £19.99

Company Telstar Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss. **77%**

Exhumed £44.95

Company BMG Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. **91%**



Explosive Racing £34.95

Company TOKA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer. **51%**

Extreme Pinball £44.95

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements. **44%**

Extreme Snow Break £39.99

Company Microdis Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Shite snowboarding rubbish. **50%**

Fade to Black £19.99

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot. **87%**

Fantastic Four £34.99

Company Acclaim Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony II-79 £39.99

Company ASCII Players 1 Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 97 £19.99

Company EA Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%**

FIFA 97 £44.99

Company EA Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **54%**

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup £39.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

The Fifth Element £44.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Likeable adventure, but lacks that, oh, 'pzzazz', that extra little something. **79%**

Fighting Force £44.95

Company Eidos Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

Final Doom £44.99

Company GT Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game. **89%**

Final Fantasy VII £44.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%**



Firestorm Thunderhawk 2 £19.99

Company Eidos Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%**

Firo and Klawd £44.95

Company BMG Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

Floating Runner £44.99

Company THQ Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

Fluid £34.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Create your own sounds and music, mix 'em all up. **84%**

Formula 1 £44.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1-2 Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Mega sales worldwide confirm it as the ultimate simulation driving game. **88%**

F1 97 £44.95

Company Psygnosis Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Improvements all round for this updated racer. **89%**

Formula Karts £44.99

Company Telstar Players 1-2 Special Negcon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Slick, nice-looking mini racing: fast and furious, but the tracks are short. **81%**

Forsaken £39.99

Company Acclaim Players 1-2 Special analogue/dual pads
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
A damn fine corridor-style shooter. On bikes. Cool. **90%**

Frenzy £34.99

Company SCI Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Wannabe wacky shoot 'em up ends up being irritating and shite. **16%**

Frogger 3D £39.99

Company Hasbro Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Retro classic given a nineties 3D respray. Buckets of gameplay. **88%**

Future Cop: LAPD £44.99

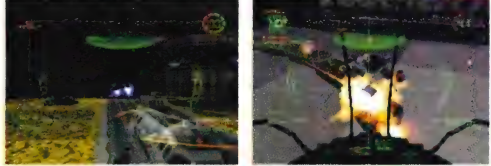
Company Electronic Arts Players 1-2 Special Dual Shock pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Hover, stomp and blast your way through the future. Cool. **89%**

G-Darius £39.99

Company THQ Players 1-2 Special Dual Shock pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Stonking shoot 'em up pits you against a world of murderous fish. **89%**

G-Police £44.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls. **93%**



Galaxian 3D £44.99

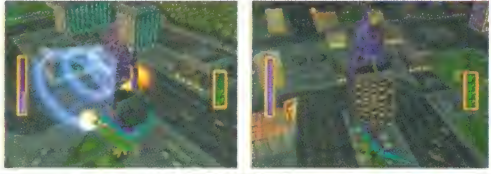
Company Sony Players 1-4 Special Negcon
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

Gex £44.99

Company BMG Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Goes to show that if you really try, you can produce a dull platformer. **68%**

Gex 3D £44.99

Company BMG Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Very cool platform game. Loads of exploration and adrenalin. **91%**



Ghost in the Shell £34.99

Company Sony Players 1 Special Analogue pad, dual shock pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Manga-based robot shoot 'em up that's a bundle of laffs. **90%**

Goal Storm £39.99

Company Konami Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

Grand Theft Auto £39.99

Company BMG Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Ultra violent, immoral car game. Not a looker, but amazing gameplay. **90%**

Gran Turismo £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2 Special Analogue/dual shock
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The ultimate driving game. Buy it now. **97%**



Grid Run £44.95

Company Virgin Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
'Tag' game which only really gets 'fun' in multiplayer mode. **64%**

Gunship £44.99

Company Microprose Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Complex, fairly playable helicopter sim, but just not that realistic... **83%**

Hard Boiled £44.99

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this. **40%**

Hardcore 4x4 £44.99

Company Gremlin Players 1 Special Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Dull all-terrain racing game with a lack of tracks. **83%**

Heart of Darkness £39.99

Company Ocean Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Platformer looks brilliant and plays like a peach. **88%**

Hebereke Popoitto £39.99

Company Sunsoft Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Two player puzzle game. Fun, but Bust-a-Move 2 is better. **42%**

Help £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Road Rash, Myst and Broken Sword on one disc! **85%**

Herc's Adventures £44.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Solid game play and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics. **85%**

Hercules £34.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. **81%**

Hexen £44.95

Company GT Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom done has depth. **84%**

Hi-Octane £44.99

Company Bullfrog Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance. **76%**

Hybrid £39.99

Company Elite Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

Independence Day £44.99

Company Fox Interactive Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film. **69%**

Indy 500 £39.99

Company JVC Players 1 Special Analogue pad, steering wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull. **50%**

Impact Racing £44.95

Company JVC Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. **82%**

In the Hunt £39.99

Company THQ Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice. **79%**

International Track & Field £19.99

Company Konami Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Addictive sports sim that's even better in its multiplayer mode. **80%**

ISS Deluxe £44.95

Company Konami Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Straight conversion of that old classic SNES footie game. **66%**

Iron and Blood £44.95

Company Acclaim Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

Iron Man £44.99

Company Acclaim Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Sad, shoddy drive. A bad game and a total waste of a comics licence. **22%**

GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station

SHOOTERS AND CHEATERS

Blaze X-plorer Cheats Cartridge £29.99 ↓

Cojones not quite large and dangly enough to cut the mustard at your favourite PlayStation games? Widger too tiny to knock 'em dead at Tekken 3? You poor, poor lad. Enter the X-plorer stage left. This little gizmo'll pump up your gaming with all sorts of illicit, cheaty add-ons for hundreds of PlayStation games: God modes, level skips, all-items cheats. The full shebang. Incompetent gamers of the world: your hour has come!

Get it out for: Well, let's think...

Rated: There've been gadgets that do this shit on the market for donkey's. But they've all been a tad expensive. This one you'll be able to own even if your name's not Tarquin or Sebbaarstian. Cool. But can it cheat up new purchases, we hear you cry? But of course it can. Just check the web updates at <http://www.x-plorer.co.uk>. **90%**



Blaze Scorpion Gun £24.99 ↗

Hey, hey, hey! They've started to make lightguns that look like real guns. Crazy men who live in the backwoods practising target shooting and killing chickens with their teeth can at last heft a light-gun with pride.

This is the revolution we bin waiting for. Gone is the Fisher Price look. This year's thing is the Taxi Driver look. And it's plenty sweet.

Get it out for: Making that wang of yours extend.

Rated: OK. So it's a looker. But how does it perform? Well... it ain't the finest sidearm you'll ever point at your unfortunate victims. The 'jolt action' is well bollocks: all that happens is that it kind of vibrates all the time. Not good. And when considered accuracy-wise this is a few hairs short of being peachy: it's kind of wobbly. Maybe that's the jolt action. We don't like it, nohow. **65%**



Nu-gen Gun £24.99 ↗

Ice cool. This is another foxy life-like firearm. Another lightgun that looks like a real killing people gun. Mmmm. And this one even has a special bolt on top that clicks backwards and forwards just like it would if you really were really pumping live ammunition into convulsing human torsos.

However, after about four seconds the noise drives you mental and then you turn it off forever. But hell, at least they had a go.

Get it out for: Those 'I need to kill again' moments.

Rated: Absolutely spot on. You could shoot off individual eyelashes from forty feet away with this beast. To start with you kind of feel sorry for those people whose internal organs you're perforating. But not for long. Aside from the annoying clicky bit, this gun completely rocks. **90%**



PADS

Sony Pad £11.99

The original and still the best standard pad for your wad: sturdy, accurate.

Get it out for: Everything and anything.

Rated: Unbeatable value: **95%**

Sony Dual Shock Pad £19.99

Analogue pad that vibrates.

Get it out: To impress.

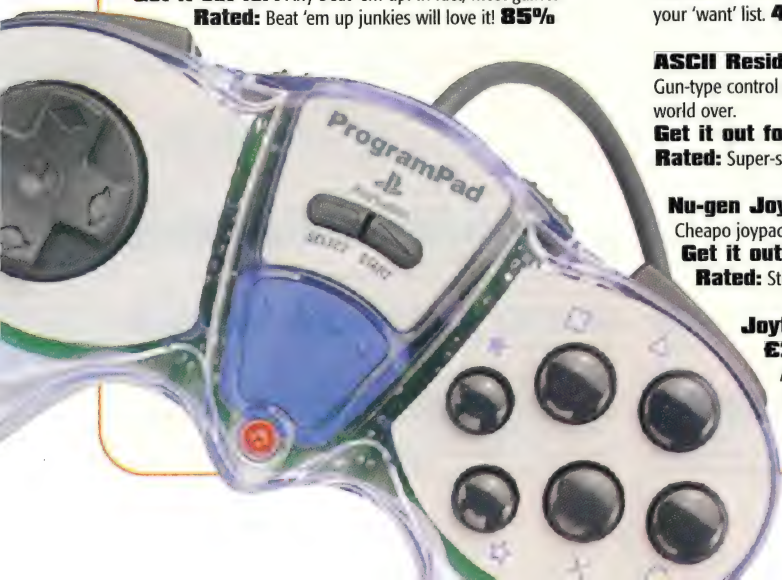
Rated: Sweet. This'll melt yer butter. It's top. **90%**

InterAct ProgramPad £29.99 ↓

Joypad you can program to do 87 button presses with the flick of one switch. Beat 'em up central!

Get it out for: Any beat 'em up. In fact, most games.

Rated: Beat 'em up junkies will love it! **85%**



ASCII Grip £24.99

One-handed joyypad that looks and feels a bit funny. For people with weird hands.

Get it out for: One-handed. Could be useful for Tomb Raider, eh readers?

Rated: Strangely relaxing. No use for speedy play. **65%**



Gamester Analogue Joypad £19.99

This un's a blatant copy of the Sony pad. Except the original Sony pad was good.

Get it out: To disorientate your friends.

Rated: The sticks are kind of stiff and rather useless, and the buttons are shitty. **60%**

Joytech Controller Plus £8.49

Cheap, cheap, cheap. It looks cheap, plays cheap, feels cheap.

Get it out: To get sympathy.

Rated: You should file this up there with piles and herpes on your 'want' list. **40%**

ASCII Resident Evil 2 Control Pad £24.99

Gun-type control pad specially made for zombie murderers the world over.

Get it out for: Guess. Go, on, just guess.

Rated: Super-specific. Does what it says on the tin. **85%**

Nu-gen Joypad £8.99

Cheapo joyypad with absolutely no redeeming features.

Get it out: As a joke.

Rated: Stiff, useless, bollocks. **40%**

Joytech Dual Jolt Control Pad £24.99

Analogue joyypad. Dual Jolt, Dual Shock, see?

Get it out for: Rumbling.

Rated: The analogue bits are fine and dandy, but the rumbling's a little 'funny'. **70%**

Gamester PSX I Control Pad £11.99

Pad that ain't kind to hands.

Get it out for: Emergencies

Rated: If Santa brought you this, you'd kill Rudolph. **55%**

Nu-gen Dual Impact £19.99

Strangely black and minimal little Dual-Shock-like joyypad.

Get it out: To impress your so-called fashionable interior designer friends

Rated: A bit odd-shaped, and the rumbling ain't exactly gonna blow you off your seat. **55%**

ASCII Pad £24.99

Deadly accurate. Not too comfortable.

Get it out for: For Crash Bandicoot.

Rated: Still a sound buy. **90%**

Nu-gen Diablo Pad £12.99

Pad that looks like it's designed for strange people with their hands on backwards.

Get it out for: The poor and unfortunate backhanded friends you know.

Rated: Totally unusable. **45%**

The Glove £49.99

A weird sci-fi glove thing. You wiggle your wrists to control the movement, and tap buttons with yer fingers. That's the theory.

Get it out for: Er, give up. We really don't know, and we're ever-so slightly past caring.

Rated: Don't break out the champagne quite yet, one-armed gamers. It's totally unusable. Be warned. **40%**

Hyperdrive £19.99

Stupid controller with wheely bit. Made by knuckleheads for complete knuckleheads.

Get it out for: Nothing, dumbass!

Rated: Turd. **50%**

ODDMENTS

Sony Link £19.99

Top quality means top gaming when you both have PlayStations and copies of the same game.

Get it out for: Any PlayStation multiplayer like Wipeout.
Rated: Perfect. **95%**

Nu-gen Link Cable £9.99

Sterling linkage, and all for half the price of the Sony effort.

Get it out for: Red Alert Retaliation
Rated: It links. It's dependable. It costs a ten spot. **95%**

Sony Memory Card £11.99

Stores up to 15 save points accessed automatically by the game. It works.

Get it out for: Whenever and for whatever.

Rated: Classic. **95%**

Coloured Memory Cards £14.99

►

New clothes for the old fave.

Get it out for: People who like bright colours.

Rated: We like! You can see inside of 'em! Wicked. **95%**

Datel Memory Card £24.99

Slow to store and retrieve date, and it crashes a lot.

Get it out for: When you want a challenge.

Rated: Prone to bugs. **60%**

Datel Action Replay £39.99

Packed with stacks of cheats, it'll take you through to the end of most games. And you get weekly web updates.

Get it out for: When you're stuck.

Rated: Useful. **80%**

Sony Mouse £24.99

It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works very well.

Get it out for: Point and click adventures (Broken Sword etc).

Rated: Functional. **80%**

Smart II Pal Converter £24.99

Changes the output from your import station so you can use it on a normal telly instead of a SCART one. Clever.

Get it out for: Converting stuff.

Rated: Does the trick. Does it good. **85%**

Sony Euro-AV cable £34.99

► A sturdy SCART cable that delivers a top picture quality.

Get it out for: Better pictures.

Rated: Does the job. **90%**

Sony Multitap £32.99

Purpose-designed for four-player games.

Get it out for: Thrashing your mates.

Rated: Smart. **95%**

Aura Interactor £24.99

Vibrating backpack that peculiarly makes your stomach churn with every bang.

Get it out for: When you feel like stirring up your guts.

Rated: It works. But do you really want it to? **75%**



GUNS

Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99

Slick cyber-sidearm with recoiling top bit. It can shoot to kill on older games AND on G-Con compatible ones, too. Clever.

Get it out for: Time Crisis, only if you don't have a G-Con.

Rated: A touch too heavy, and not as accurate as the G-Con. Still a top performer. **85%**

G-Con 45 £59.99 (bundled with game)

This fearsome beast is hyper-accurate and sweet as a nut. It'll only work with G-Con compatible games, though, like Time Crisis, Judge Dredd and Point Blank.

Get it out for: Time Crisis.

Rated: The best lightgun. An absolute dream to use. **97%**

Predator £29.99

Tasty looking lightgun that's pinpoint-accurate. And has flashing lights too.

Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.

Rated: It's well accurate, but too heavy for a long bout. **80%**

Hyperblaster £29.95

Looks crap, shoots like a mean bastid. Light, easy to use, and well accurate.

Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.

Rated: Spot-on, brain-splatteringly accurate tool. **95%**

WHEELS

VRF-1 X-Cellerator £69.99

No gearstick in evidence, but a big meaty wheel. Feel-wise, it's several notches short of being a real smoothie. You kind of tend to end up turning in that on-off dabbling the joypad way that you do with an ordinary pad. Not that bad, but not brilliant...

Get it out for: Only if you don't have a Logic 3 or Gamester.

Rated: Not the top boy, but it does its stuff. Kinda. **80%**

Ultra Racer £29.99

Weirdo analogue steering wheel-ette. It's kind of like a joypad with a tiny ickle wheel stuck on it. And it works. Turns are pretty damn analogue, and even the accelerator works like a peach.

Get it out for: Rage Racer.

Rated: Takes a while to get used to, but this does the business reasonably well. But if you ain't gonna be playing a fully analogue compatible game, just forget it. **80%**

Logic 3 £69.99

► This is super-slick. It not only looks the business, it is the bizz.

It's even got leather bits on it. It makes you feel like you should be rolling down the car window and saying 'Well, hi, girls'. But you can't. You can, however, turn smoother than you can possibly imagine, and purr along with a head-to-toe driving suaveness that'll make you the envy of yer chums.

Get it out for: TOCA Touring Car.

Rated: Turns're sweet and neat.

The pedals are just so. Everything's so perfect, dammit! **95%**

Gamester II Wheel and Pedals

Big beefy pedals, smooth turning circle and a sweet analogue feel.

This has got all the ingredients necessary to ring your bell.

Get it out for: tearing up the tarmac

Rated: Not quite up to the old gold standard of big daddy Logic 3, but still a tasty purchase. Well worth your attention, boys and gals. **94%**

STICKS

Sony ASCII Joystick £49.99

Bashy joystick that's got the moves when it comes to chopsocky bashing action...

Get it out for: Annoying your mates at Tekken.

Rated: This oozes kung-fu class, but the turbos and autofires might make it a touch easy to come out tops in beat 'em ups. **80%**

PS II £34.99

Big arcade stick where the buttons are too big to get those Tekken combos a-flowin'.

Get it out for: Tekken 2, if you're not a combo fiend.

Rated: A fine piece of kit with one obvious flaw... **75%**

Logic 3 Dominator £24.99

► Big traditional joystick type stick which turns like a little sweetie...

Get it out for: Them analogue compatible racing games.

Rated: For gaming grandpas everywhere. Nice to see old joysticks limping with us into the twenty-first century. **80%**

Sony Analogue Joypad £49.99

Two-stick stick for budding Biggleses...

Get it out for: Air

Combat 2.

Rated: Way specialist, but this one still does the bizz. **70%**



Negcon £29.99

This is one weird-looking analogue turning thing. Surreal to look at but it's not half bad to play with. However, if you play games from the heart, there is a slight danger that you'll rip the damn thing's sensitive circuitry out on the hairpins, turning it into a useless lump o' junk. We have warned you.

Get it out for: Rage Racer

Rated: Lots o' fun, and scores high on the surrealmeter.

Pretty slick, but takes a while to get used to. **90%**

Mad Catz Steering Wheel £56.99

The official Sony wheel. It's got everything you want in a wheel. the pedals on it are sweet, the turning is oh-so-smooth and the braking's hard. And hey! Look, it's even got that official Sony stamp on it!

Get it out for: Whenever it takes your fancy.

Rated: A damn fine buy. It ain't quite top dog, but it's been guzzling the marrowbone Pal and it's not far off the top spot. We like this one. **93%**

Gamester Rumble Force Wheel £69.99

This un purrs like an ickle pussy cat on the straights, and buzzes out the strange deep-throated growl of the bigger varieties of ladies' personal pleaser when you hit trouble. And it steers like a bleedin' demon, too. Smooth, slick, responsive, superb. Jeez, it even smells good.

Get it out for: Taking on Colin McRae Rally.

Rated: This is rather thumb-suckin' good with Colin McRae Rally, but it'll warm the cockles of your heart with just about any 'Station racer you care to name or play. Hot damn. And, thanks to a mighty clever little gizmo that you get bundled with it when you get it, it'll even work with the steering-wheel-scambling

Gran Turismo. **93%**



ISS Pro 98	£19.99
Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Soccer old-timer that's still slotting 'em in with the best of them.	91%
	
ISS Pro 98	£44.99
Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× This is a pick-up-and-play-classic. Every home should have one.	94% winner
	
Iznogoud	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Iz really no good. Iz shit, actually.	9%
Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98	£39.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Supercross? Crapcross, more like.	52%
Jersey Devil	£44.99
Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Good looking cartoon platform game that is hard as nails to play.	90%
Jet Rider	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Innovative racer is let down by poor graphics and weak gameplay.	63%
Jet Rider II	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Lame sci-fi racing sequel that manages to be shittier than the original.	30%
Johnny Bazoookatone	£39.99
Company US Gold ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× A Rock 'n' Roll platformer with poor gameplay.	60%
Jonah Lomu Rugby	£44.99
Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Brilliant rugby simulation, but bloody fiddly controls drive you mad.	84%
Judge Dredd	£34.99
Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Fast and good looking sci-fi lightgun shooter that doesn't stand out.	73%
Jumping Flash	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Super 3D platformer which has just too few levels to make it a winner.	89%
Jumping Flash 2	£44.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Perfect sequel to Jumping Flash, but not enough levels. A fiver more...	88%
K1	£44.99
Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Substandard beat 'em up. It's saving grace is reasonable graphics.	55%
Kick Off 97	£44.99
Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× It shoots! It misses by an absolute mile.	60%
Kick Off World	£34.99
Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× OK-to-play footy effort that looks like it's from a bygone age.	60%
King of Fighters 95	Rental
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Rental Only Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Not original, but this 2D effort still socks it to ya as a rental game.	70%
Klonoa	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Stomach-churning cuteness doesn't spoil excellent platformer.	86%
Krazy Ivan	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Graphics win over playability in this robot game.	73%
Kula World	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Very classy head-stretching puzzle game.	89%

Kurushi	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Block-based puzzle game that isn't going to be the next Tetris.	62%
The Last Report	£39.99
Company Microids ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Adventure/puzzle game. Like Resident Evil except piss poor.	35%
Little Big Adventure	£44.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic.	81% winner
	
Legacy of Kain	£44.99
Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge.	82% winner
	
Lethal Enforcers	£34.99
Company Konami ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Awful conversion of already-bad arcade lightgun game.	30%

Totty you forgot

She's a star...

Dateline: The Sixties, the Seventies... Hell, probably even the Eighties and Nineties too.

The totty:
Raquel Welch

Who?
Come on, the duvet-denting doyen herself. The actress who wore a fur bikini like no other (check out the film One Million Years BC for proof), who was, for a time, without doubt the world's sexiest woman. Sure, she wasn't going to trouble

the Oscar committee, but if they gave gongs for Phwoar, Raquel'd need more trophy cabinets than Manchester United.

And what's she up to now?
She stars in her own telly programme in the States and you often get to see her in walk-on parts in sitcoms. Usually playing someone's sexy mum. We wish...



■ It's true, they don't make 'em like they used to

Loaded	£39.99
Company Gremlin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× An action-packed traditional sort of blaster, lacking in variety.	75%
Lomax in Lemmingland	£44.95
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold.	70%
Lone Soldier	£39.99
Company Telstar ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× This strikes us as being pretty much Commando in 3D, but way too slow.	72%
Lost Vikings 2	£44.99
Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality.	63%
The Lost World	£44.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Platformer from Spielberg dinofest. Never really gets its teeth into you...	81%
Lucky Luke	£39.99
Company Infogrames ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits.	79% Rent it!
Machine Hunter	£44.95
Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× A top-down shoot 'em which takes on Loaded fair and square.	88%
Madden 98	£44.99
Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Finely tuned game play make this current king of the grid-iron games.	89%
Madden 99	£44.99
Company Electronic Arts ■ Players 1-4 ■ Special Dual Shock pad Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Not exactly the best Yank football game ever.	73%
Madden NFL 97	£44.99
Company EA ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× A good, solid American Football simulation that'll keep you coming back for more.	86%
Magic Carpet	£44.99
Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Fast 3D sorcery shoot 'em up with many levels to explore.	90%
Masters of Teras Kasi	£39.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Star Wars characters in a beat 'em up? We'd rather inject horse snort.	30%
Marvel Super Heroes	£44.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Comic book characters beating the stuffing out of each other. Superb.	90%
Maximum Force	£39.99
Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Lightgun Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Conversion of a crap arcade shoot 'em up. Why did they bother?	50%
MDK	£49.99
Company Interplay ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics	80%
Mechwarrior 2	£44.99
Company Activision ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Giant robots in quality 3D shoot 'em up. Plenty of blasting action.	83%
MediEvil	£44.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Does slaughtering demons pump your nads? It sure pumps ours.	92% winner
	
	
MegaMan Battle and Chase	£44.99
Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Cheapo racing game fails to deliver laughs or thrills.	36%
MegaMan X3	£44.95
Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Platformer rates playability over looks. 9 levels will keep you busy.	81%
MegaMan 8	£39.95
Company Ocean ■ Players 1 Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Cutesy platform shooter with nothing new or interesting to offer.	53%
Men in Black	£39.99
Company Gremlin ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad Memory card✓ Link-up× Mouse× Multitap× Hugely disappointing film conversion. Nice looking, but no game.	69%

Mickey's Wild Adventure £39.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Don't let 'wild' and 'adventure' sucker you: Another average platformer. 66%

Midnight Run £39.99

Company Konami Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Superfast racing game that's a total turd to play. Ughhhh. 65%

Motorhead £39.99

Company Gremlin Players 1-2 Special Analogue Pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain. 92% **winner**



Motor Mash £44.99

Company Ocean Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Derivative comic racing game: nice graphics, but it's slow and dull. 68%

Micro Machines V8 £19.99

Company Codemasters Players 1-8
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. 91% **winner**



Monopoly £39.99

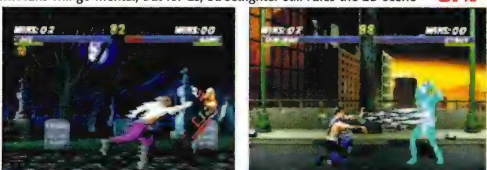
Company Hasbro Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game. 78%

Monster Trucks £44.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
This off-road racer never really gets going... 82%

Mortal Kombat 3 £44.95

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene 91% **winner**



Mortal Kombat 4 £34.99

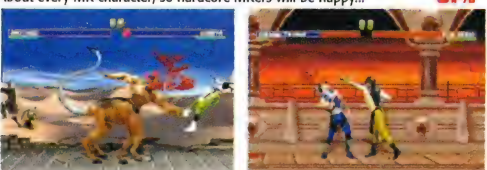
Company GT Players 1-2 Special Dual Shock pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
At the end of the day, it's just another Mortal Kombat game. Yawn. 74% **Want it**

Mortal Kombat Mythologies £44.99

Company GT Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up. 50%

Mortal Kombat Trilogy £44.95

Company GT Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
About every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy... 91% **winner**



Moto Racer £44.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Very speedy arcade racer with lots to recommend it. 85%

Motor Toon Grand Prix 2 £44.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Comic racing game manages to trounce the original. 85%

Mr Domino £34.99

Company JVC Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Puzzle game spoilt by poor control. 70%

Myst £44.95

Company Psygnosis Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Point/click adventure with static screens. It won't set your world on fire. 76%

So that's what you used to look like

A rummage through the photo albums of the stars

Kylie Minogue

Nowadays Kylie's the sexed-up Tsarina of the torn trouser seam. But there was a time when the sight of the Aussie singer would have had your fingers reaching down your throat.

First, in Neighbours she defined squeaky clean. Then there was her pop career: she was as cute as an Andrex puppy wrestling with a kitten. In short, everybody hated Kylie.

Luckily, Kylie discovered raunch and became sexKylie. After a period of looking foxy but intelligent, she declared war on the nation's trousers. We've barely walked upright since...



1 Kylie Minogue: You should be so lucky... 2 Lucky, lucky... 3 Lucky!



N20 £39.99

Company Gremlin Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Fast, arcadey shoot 'em up with an ace techno soundtrack. We like. 89%

Nagano Winter Olympics £39.99

Company Konami Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The people who brought you Track and Field slip up with this bollocks. 35%

Namco Museum Vol.1 £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Hits from the gaming crypt. And yes, it does include Pacman. 84%

Namco Museum Vol.2 £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Nowhere near as strong a collection, unless you're a big Xevious fan. 63%

Namco Museum Vol.3 £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
There is just too much dross on this disc... 71%

Namco Museum Vol.4 £39.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Only Pacland stands out from the crowd here. 67%

Namco Museum Vol.5 £44.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Retro compilation that makes it courtesy of a couple of gems. 75%

Nanotek Warrior £39.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Enjoyable shooting action, but a lack of levels to keep you interested. 77%

NASCAR 98 £39.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Ugly, dull racing game with a hideous soundtrack. 64%

NASCAR Racing £44.95

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Crap Days of Thunder-style racing game, bad in every single way... 35%

NBA Fastbreak £39.99

Company Midway Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Very realistic but frustrating to play. 65%

NBA Hangtime £39.99

Company GT Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Basketball game. Bit of a laugh. Nuff said. 72% **Want it**

NBA in the Zone £44.95

Company Konami Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
The large sprites are pretty agile, and it has more pace than Total NBA... 85%

NBA in the Zone 2 £44.95

Company Konami Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Beefed-up graphics make this slam-dunk sequel quite classy. 91% **winner**



NBA Jam Extreme £44.95

Company Acclaim Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. 80%

NBA Jam Tournament £39.99

Company Acclaim Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Conversion of the coin-op with 2D characters going two-on-two. 86%

NBA Live 96 £44.99

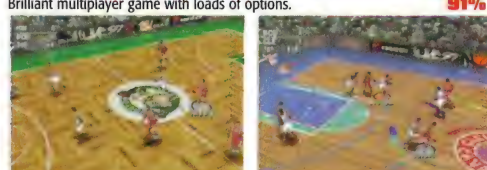
Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... 81%

NBA Live 98 £39.99

Company EA Players 1-8 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Good-looking basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay. 87%

NBA Live 97 £44.99

Company EA Players 1-8
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Brilliant multiplayer game with loads of options. 91% **winner**



NBA Pro 98 £39.99

Company Konami Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
We don't need anymore basketball games, thanks. 30%

Need for Speed £19.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
A second rate bash at Ridge Racer. It definitely needs more speed... 70%

Need for Speed 2 £44.99

Company EA Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel. 49%

Need for Speed III £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two. **89%**

Newman Haas Racing £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A bit of a poor F1 copy. Only for die-hards. **75%**

NFL Gameplay £44.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Pretty average in every department. **82%**

NFL Quarterback Club £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics... **75%**

NHL 97 £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Polygon-based sprites make this a really good-looking sports sim... **91%**



Things only boys do

Girls just don't get it...



1. The powerball slam

If you've got bloke in your genes then you've got hold of a powerball, found the nearest bit of concrete, and thrown that bad boy downwards as hard as you can. It's scientifically impossible for girls to get any kind of enjoyment out of this.

2. Baked beans on toast

Boys have a unique relationship with beans on toast. There are three reasons for this: 1. It's an easy-to-prepare dish. 2. It tastes yummy. 3. It makes you fart loads. Girls just do not understand the special love that exists between a man and his beans.

3. Snowbaths

Many's the time a group of girls have stood around watching three blokes hold another one down while they shove snow into his clothes and face. 'One day these things will expect to sleep with us,' the girls are thinking. 'Maybe I should become a lesbian...'

4. Hot curry

See, when a girl goes for a curry, she wants to sample the delicacies of a different culture and thus broaden her palate. For a bloke, curry means competition. 'Bring me the hottest you've got', he'll say. 'Except make it hotter.'

5. Trolley surfing

Ever seen a girl running around with a shopping trolley before jumping onto the trolley and careening off down the supermarket aisle and coming to grief against a stack of diet lemonade? Thought not.

NHL 98 £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Ice hockey game that's even slicker than last year's version. **91%**



NHL Breakaway 98 £44.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
If ice hockey's your bag, this ain't bad for a spin. **89%**

NHL Face Off £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Nice looking but dull ice hockey effort. Nothing new here. **65%**

NHL Face Off 97 £34.95

Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Just another average sequel, in spite of extra features... **65%**

NHL Open Ice £34.95

Company GT ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Arcade-style ice hockey game. No great shake. **70%**

NHL Powerplay 98 £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
If you've gotta get a hockey game, you could do a lot worse... **89%**

Nightmare Creatures £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool. **89%**

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness £44.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Good-looking killing game, let down by lack of variety. **82%**

The Note £39.99

Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Basic adventure. Boring and dull. **45%**

Nova Storm £39.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it... **55%**

Nuclear Strike £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up. **91%**



Off World Interceptor £39.99

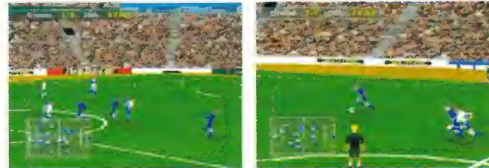
Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
4x4s bounce about on the moon in this dull race game. **68%**

Olympic Games £44.95

Company US Gold ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
International Track and Field is the game to beat. This doesn't come close. **70%**

Olympic Soccer £44.95

Company US Gold ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
One of the most playable footie games on the PlayStation. **93%**



One £39.99

Company ASC ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat. **83%**

OnSide £44.99

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
This is the most incredibly bland footie game. **65%**

Overblood £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Quite annoying Resident Evil clone with little action. **76%**

Pandemonium £19.99

Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Stunning effects instinctive gameplay puts other platformers to shame. **91%**



Pandemonium 2 £44.99

Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. **83%**

Panzer General £44.99

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Full-blown strategy game is hard work thanks to historical accuracy. **59%**

Parappa the Rapper £29.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Original, fun rapping version of Simon Says. Offbeat and amusing. **89%**

Pax Corpus £39.99

Company Cryo ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
For a joke, persuade a mate to buy this piece of shit... **30%**

Peak Performance £39.99

Company JVC ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Substandard racing game. Lots of options, not much else. **65%**

Perfect Weapon £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Beat 'em up-style adventure which is crap in both departments. **51%**

PGA Tour 96 £19.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly. **59%**

PGA Tour 97 £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar. **65%**

PGA Tour 98 £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Golf game that fails to offer anything new. **68%**

Phat Air Snowboarding £34.99

Company Sunsoft ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Snowboarding-bandwagon-jumper that doesn't quite cut the mustard. **75%**

Pitball £44.95

Company Warner ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Speedball-type thing, but with pretty bog-standard looks and playability. **73%**

Pitfall 3D £39.99

Company Activision ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Very playable platformer thankfully without cuteness. **84%**

Player Manager £44.95

Company Anco ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Predictable results spoil this footie management sim. **68%**

Pocket Fighter £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Street Fighter characters get small. Cool, but only for fanatics really. **79%**

Po 'Ed £44.99

Company Warner ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Interesting weapons, surprise monsters raise a laugh in this Doom-clone. **76%**

Point Blank £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special G-Con 45
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Amazingly cool shooting-gallery-style compilation game. **82%**



Psyche Challenge £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%**

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff. **85%**

Power Soccer 2 £34.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

Poy Poy £34.95

Company Konami Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99

Company Gremlin Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Superb football management sim. **92%**



Pro Pinball: The Web £44.95

Company Empire Players 1-4
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing. **93%**



Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99

Company Empire Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95

Company Konami Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
High-tech, underachieving version of the old arcade stalwart Bezerk... **79%**

Psychic Detective £44.99

Company EA Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Loads endings, views and three CDs make this enjoyable. **84%**

Psychic Force £44.95

Company Acclaim Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
An enjoyable enough 3D beat 'em up, but it lacks depth. **76%**

R-types £39.99

Company Virgin Players 1-2 Special Dual shock pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Two games one old, one new. Botj top-of-the-range shoot 'em ups. **91%**

Rage Racer £39.99

Company Sony Players 1 Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! **93%**



Raging Skies £44.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average. **73%**

Raiden Project £39.99

Company Ocean Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre... **72%**

Rally Cross £34.99

Company Sony Players 1-4 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus 4 player mode... **88%**

Rampage World Tour £34.99

Company GT Players 1-3
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Pick a monster and smash up towns. As much fun as it sounds. **69%**

Rapid Racer £34.95

Company Sony Players 1-2 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode. **82%**

Rapid Reload £39.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. **80%**

Rascal £44.99

Company Psygnosis Players 1 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Disappointing platformer made worse by cackola camera angles. **53%**

Reptilian £19.99

Company UBI Soft Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. **43%**

Ray Storm £34.99

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. **83%**

Ray Tracers £34.99

Company Sony Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. **73%**

Real Bout: Fatal Fury RENTAL

Company Sony Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid. **38%**

Rebel Assault 2 £44.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery. **46%**

Reboot £39.99

Company EA Players 1-2 Special Analogue pad
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Hover board game feels great to play, but limited. **83%**

Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 £44.99

Company Interplay Players 1-2 Special NegCon/Steering wheel
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix into a gameplay Molotov. **68%**

Reloaded £44.95

Company Gremlin Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Smidgin better than the original. But that wasn't much fun either. **73%**

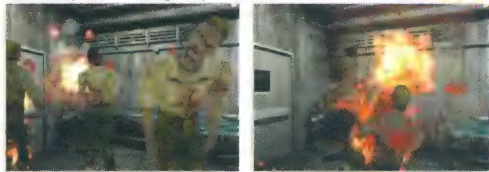
Resident Evil £49.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. **94%**



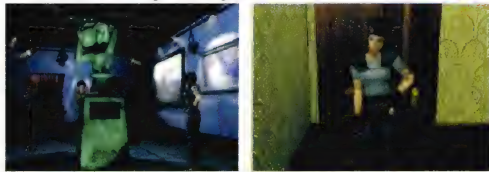
Resident Evil 2 £49.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Awesome update of the original spread over two shit-kickin' discs. **95%**



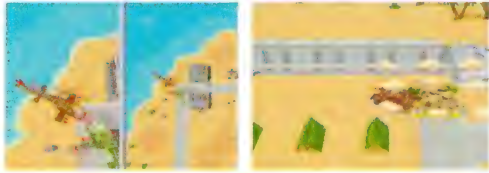
Resident Evil Director's Cut £34.99

Company Virgin Players 1
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. **91%**



Return Fire £44.95

Company Warner Players 1-2
Memory card Link-up Mouse Multitap
You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. **91%**



Lara Quiz

Worried you might be Lara Croft? Take our test to find out

1. A stranger asks you to search for a lost relic. Do you

- Tell them to stuff it, weirdo.
- Decline, saying you have work commitments.
- Take up the challenge. And refuse payment. You just do it for the love of adventure?

2. A dog passes you in the street do you

- Wonder where its owner is.
- Stroke it.
- Do a backward somersault and flip before unloading two Uzi clips into it.

3. It's very cold outside. What do you wear?

- Thermal undies at the very least.
- Hat, gloves, scarf. Brrr, I hate the cold.
- Man, you're so hot the clothes don't make much difference. Hotpants, a skimpy vest and a couple of shooters'll do.

4. What do you have in your garden?

- An old mattress, a rusty bike and next door's football.
- A rocky and a lovely herbacious border.
- An assault course and a dodderly old butler.

5. You're wandering along, when suddenly you meet a dinosaur. What do you do?

- Run away in terror. Pooping your pants as you leg it.
- Gasp in awe, wondering how such an animal could have been preserved since prehistoric times.
- Do a backward somersault and flip before unloading two Uzi clips into it.

How did you do?

- All A's:** You're fairly normal. You're not Lara.
All B's: You're a very productive member of society. But not Lara.
All C's: Hate to tell you: you're Lara Croft, mate.

■ And, if this is what you look like give us a call. The number's on the Verbal page...



Revolution X	£39.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Aerosmith feature throughout... but this is one sad game really.	45%
Midnight Racers	£19.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks.	76%
Ridge Racer Revolution	£19.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Better than the original, with more cars and better controls.	84%
Rise 2: Resurrection	£44.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up...	78%
Riot	£44.95
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-16 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Despite mega multiplayer possibility, this game offers little for your cash.	67%
Risk	£39.99
Company Hasbro ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look.	81%
Riven	£49.99
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone.	84%
Road Rash	£19.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Straightforward, frustrating racing game.	64%
Road Rash 3D	£39.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Laughs aplenty in bikes 'n' violence racer.	80%
Robotron X	£44.95
Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Simple, mindless run and shoot shenanigans. Overpriced, underspecced.	66%
Rosco McQueen	£34.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Firefighting fun. A good laugh but more suited to youngsters.	78%
Sampras Extreme Tennis	£44.95
Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Real ease of play and lots of views raise it above unseeded rivals...	89%

Samurai Showdown	Rental
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up.	19%
San Francisco Rush	£34.99
Company GT ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Why buy a good racing game when you could play this lump of turd?	48%
SCARS	£39.99
Company Ubi Soft ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Laughs replace realism in cool racer. Be warned though: it's tough.	83%
Sentient	£44.95
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Set on a spaceship, this game is pretty ambitious, but too complicated.	71%
Sentient Returns	£34.99
Company THQ ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ Even having your eyes skewered with fish hooks is better than this.	30%
Shadow Master	£39.99
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue Pad Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good.	88%
Shellshock	£44.99
Company Core Design ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited.	75%
Shockwave	£39.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background.	56%
Sim City 2000	£44.99
Company Maxis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗ You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy.	91%
Skeleton Warriors	£44.95
Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Looks, smells and feels like an old 16-bit game... and it plays like one too.	69%

Skull Monkeys	£44.95
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Plasticinetic action with a clay hero bouncing on monkeys' heads.	79%
Slam 'n' Jam '96	£44.95
Company BMG ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Huge sprites, poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog.	64%
Smash Court Tennis	£44.95
Company Sony ■ Players 1-4 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim.	57%
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Snow Racer	£34.99
Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis.	85%
Soul Blade	£19.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Vicious scrapping with huge swords. Not a Tekken-beater, but hey...	90%
Street Fighter	£19.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up.	92%
Street Fighter	£19.99
Company EA ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game.	84%
Space Jam	£44.95
Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it?	65%
Spawn: The Eternal	£39.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid.	32%
Speed King	
Company Konami ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.	45%
Speedster	£44.95
Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability.	64%
Spice World	£19.99
Company Sony ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative.	21%
Spider	£39.99
Company BMG ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average.	70%
Spot goes to Hollywood	£34.95
Company Virgin ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though...	77%
Star Gladiator	£44.95
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either.	91%
Starfighter 3000	£44.95
Company Telstar ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Nice enough to have a gap at, but there's not enough going on.	80%
Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi	£34.99
Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap.	30%
Starwinder	£44.95
Company Mindscape ■ Players 1 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same.	59%



Bad moments in life: number three

The phone call

The phone call is the enemy of gamers. It is never welcome and it always goes on for far too long. Here's how to spot one...

When it arrives...

Always at the most inconvenient point. Will it ring as you're wandering around a level in Tomb Raider, easily able to push the pause button? Nah, of course not. It'll ring just as the level's loading, so you have to hang on before you can hit pause.

Or even worse, the phone'll go just as you're into a movie scene on Resident Evil — when you can't pause it at all. Then there's the 'halfway-round-a-track-on-Gran-Turismo' call, when the telephonic interruption means all the difference between first and last place. Let's face it, there's never a good time.

Who it is...

If it's your mum, you got big trouble. Chances are you won't have spoken to her for ages, and she'll want to know what you've been up to. 'Are you still seeing that lovely girl?' All that kind of thing. She ain't gonna take, 'My beans are getting cold' for an answer.

If it's your girlfriend you've gotta be extra careful. Again, if you sound rushed and want to get off the phone quickly, you'll be in hot water. Chances are, you'll just have to dangle.

If it's a mate, tell him to piss off. He'll understand.

What to do

Any of these excuses will help you out of the fix: 'The doorbell's just gone', 'I suddenly need to go to the toilet', 'I'm expecting a call from the hospital', 'There's never a good time to say it, but I've always hated you'.



1 Bring, brrring 2 Piss off 3 Bring brrring 4 OFF!

Steel Harbinger £44.95

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✓ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. **75%**

Steel Reign £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. **75%**

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. **81%**



Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. **92%**



Street Fighter Collection £39.99

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✗ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗ Joypad ✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha £44.95

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme. **93%**



Street Fighter The Movie £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

Street Racer £44.95

Company UBI Soft ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited... **79%**

Strikepoint: the Hex Missions £44.95

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead? **60%**

Striker 96 £39.99

Company Warner ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Simplistic footie game. Binary soccer at its worst. **69%**

Suikoden £44.99

Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life... **81%**

Super Match Soccer £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Yawnsome footie game. For God's sake don't buy it. **33%**

Super Football Champ £39.99

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Oh dear. Drab, boring, unplayable. Truly hideous football game. **46%**

Super Pang Collection £39.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
An arcade-perfect version of the retro bubble-bursting games. **53%**

Super Puzzle Fighter 2 £39.95

Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends. **92%**



Supersonic Racers £44.95

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. **74%**

Swagman £44.99

Company Eidos ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. **85%**

Syndicate Wars £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✓
This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics. **92%**



Taken £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters. **90%**

Tekken 2 £19.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... **95%**



Tekken 3 £44.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
The big daddy of all beat 'em ups. So good it hurts. **96%**



Tempest X3 £34.99

Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. **80%**

Tenka £44.95

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Not even polygon graphics can save this poor Doom clone from oblivion. **82%**

Tennis Arena £39.99

Company UBI Soft ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Slick tennis game. But do we want slick tennis games? **76%**

Ten Pin Alley £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1-6
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Could have been good fun... but sadly it isn't. No more than a novelty. **54%**

Test Drive: Off Road £39.99

Company Eidos ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Devoid of excitement and playability. Looks dreadful too. **46%**

Test Drive 4 £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
It's got lots of tracks, but it's slow and it doesn't look too nice. **70%**

Tetris Plus £44.99

Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Classic puzzle game gets a revamp. Still dead addictive. **82%**

Theme Hospital £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Lots of fun with people with strange illnesses in this cartoon hospital sim. **84%**

Theme Park £44.99

Company Bullfrog ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Explore your park in 3D in this gentle sim. Quietly enjoyable. **85%**

Three Lions £39.99

Company BMG ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Ugly, slow, boring and bollocks footy game that'll sap your will to live. **50%**

Tiger Shark £44.99

Company GT ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. **72%**

Pick of the Platinum

The best of £20 games



Hey, been busy to know lately? Then chances are you don't know about platinum games: top titles at the budget price of £19.95. Here's the pick of the bunch...

1. Tomb Raider

Lara Croft's first outing is still a classic PlayStation classic. And for twenty quid this is the dictionary definition of value for money.

2. Tekken 2

Word is, more folks don't own this. No one says of 'em it's so, from them down and put them down less for long they are. So, this is the best of the bunch.

3. Test Drive: Off Road

For once the kids platinum series make what is otherwise all platinum. It's also picked up dual shock compatibility along the way. Nice, oh, cool.

4. Tetris Plus

Three games in one CD. Surely this is not all they want all the shabby non-standard standard? Not from. Each one's a money and moreover it's a still one of the most light-as-a-feather "Screen Fun" to offer.

5. Theme Park

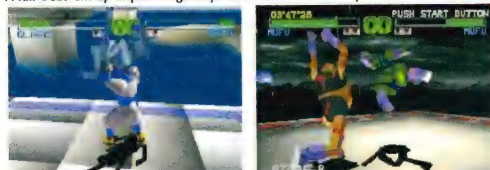
What's yer secret? (Without) How do you manage to stay so young-looking? Is it the speed, the surprising graphics, the doll-knock-out soundtrack? No tell...

Time Commando £44.99
 Company EA ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Unusual, but fun. Slightly unwieldy controls. **51%**

Time Crisis £59.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Gcon 45
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. **93%**



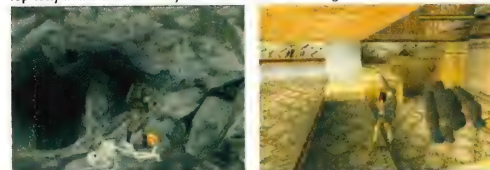
Tobal No.1 £44.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. **91%**



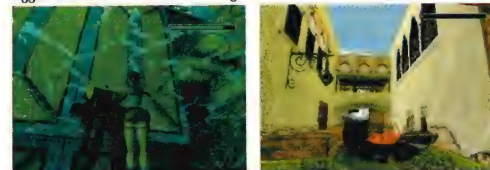
Toca Touring Car Championship £19.99
 Company Codemasters ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual Shock pad
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 It was good before, but now it's dual shock compatible. Top stuff. **91%**



Tomb Raider £19.99
 Company Eidos ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... **92%**



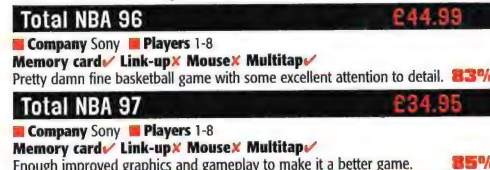
Tomb Raider 2 £44.99
 Company Eidos ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back! **95%**



Tombi £39.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer. **79%**



Tommi Makinen Rally £39.99
 Company Europress ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact it's pants. **50%**



Top Gun: Fire at Will £44.95
 Company Microprose ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth your effort tracking down. **65%**



Total Drivin' £44.99
 Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 A selection of arcade racing thrills that's well worth a look. **86%**

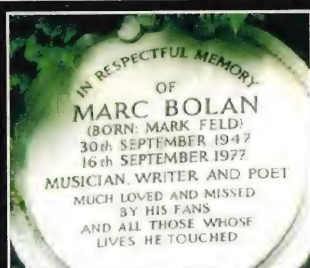
Total NBA 96 £44.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Pretty damn fine basketball game with some excellent attention to detail. **83%**

Total NBA 97 £34.95
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-8
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Enough improved graphics and gameplay to make it a better game. **85%**

Total NBA 98 £34.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-8 ■ Special Analogue/dual shock
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. **79%**

Graves of the rich and famous

This month: Gods of rock



Marc Bolan
Who?
 Leader of T-Rex. He wrote such classics as 20th Century Boy and Metal Guru.
How'd he die?
 Drove into a tree. Unwise.
When? 1977



Ian Curtis
Who?
 Seriously depressed singer with Joy Division, the band who went on to become New Order.
How'd he die?
 He hung himself. Well.
When? 1980



Stuart Sutcliffe
Who?
 One of the original Beatles members. He left. And then they became famous.
How'd he die?
 Brain haemorrhage. Nasty.
When? 1962



Jim Morrison
Who?
 Lead singer with The Doors. Got his knob out a lot.
How'd he die?
 Heart attack in the bath.
 Should've used relaxing bath salts
When? 1971



Bon Scott
Who?
 Lead singer with Aussie metallers AC/DC.
How'd he die?
 Choked on his vomit after a tasty drugs cocktail.
When? 1980



Jimi Hendrix
Who?
 The original geetar god. Famed for playing with his teeth.
How'd he die?
 Also not on speaking terms with his own vomit.
When? 1970

Tokyo Highway Battle £39.99
 Company THQ ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics. **77%**

Toshinden 3
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Derivative fighting game that would take a pasting from Namco any day... **76%**

Transport Tycoon £44.99
 Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Build roads, railways, docks and airports in this great God sim. **86%**

Trash It £44.95
 Company GT ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Platformer that has good ideas, but just not enough immediate action. **57%**

Treasures of the Deep £44.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Sluggish submarine adventure-type game. **78%**

True Pinball £19.99
 Company Ocean ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 It may have four tables, it may be a good game, but The Web is better. **50%**

Tunnel Bl £44.99
 Company Ocean ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 WipeOut breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up. **89%**

Twisted Metal £39.99
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Destroy the suburbs in this Mad Max-style car battle. **82%**

Twisted Metal World Tour £44.95
 Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original. **88%**

Vandal Hearts £44.95
 Company Konami ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Average graphics don't spoil playable and engrossing role-playing game. **86%**

V-Ball Beach Volley Heroes £34.99
 Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Kung-fu-esque volleyball effort that's plenty fun in two-player. **75%**

Versailles £39.99
 Company Cryo ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Even other point 'n' click adventures aren't as boring as this. **10%**

Victory Boxing £44.95
 Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Deeper than a lot of fighting games and takes some getting into. **74%**

Vigilante 8 £39.99
 Company Activision ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **91%**



Viper £39.99
 Company Ocean ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Cacky controls spoil otherwise stonking 'copter shoot 'em up. **78%**

Virtual Golf £44.95
 Company Core Design ■ Players 1-4
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Nowhere near as good as the excellent Actua Golf. **57%**

Virtual Pool £44.99
 Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

VMX Racing £34.99
 Company Funsoft ■ Players 1
 Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
 Dirt bike racing game that looks like it's about a thousand years old. **50%**



V-Rally £44.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Seat-of-the-pants racing, 40 separate stages to keep you busy!



VR Baseball £44.99

Company Interplay ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A fine conversion of the sport, but unlikely to attract too many Brits.

VR Powerboat Racing £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Steering wheel, analogue, NegCon
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Speedboat racing sim that is waaay bollocks.

Vs £39.99

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
L.A. gang war beat 'em up that's fun but looks a little bit ugh.

V Tennis £44.95

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Mediocre tennis sim that's hard to be bothered about at all.

Warcraft 2 £44.95

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Excellent strategy game. No mouse/two-player link detract from gameplay.

WarGames: Defcon 1 £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad/Dual shock pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Full-on strategy/war-type thing. Excellent, actually.

Wargods £44.95

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
3D fighting game with mushy graphics and lousy gameplay.

Warhammer £44.99

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Not much too look at, but depth of gameplay means it has more to offer.

Warhammer II: Dark Omen £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✓ Multitap ✗
Loads depth in this goblin-infested fantasy war epic. Charge!

Warhawk £39.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first.

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 £39.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✓
Fast and furious, but won't last long.

WCW Nitro £39.99

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Not bad as wrestling efforts go. But still...

WCW vs The World £44.99

Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Brilliant wrestling game with 60 characters. No handbags or milk stouts...

Wild 9 £44.99

Company Interplay ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Cool graphics and action in spades see to it this is adrenalin city.

Wild Arms £34.99

Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A must for all hardcore RPG fans. Yes, really.

Williams Arcade Classics £44.99

Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Retro compilation with five good games out of six, including Defender...

Wing Commander III £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Superb movie sequences mix it with poor gameplay in this space opera.

Wing Commander IV £44.99

Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Better full motion video sequences... but worse gameplay.

Wingover £44.99

Company JVC ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Boring flying game overshadowed by Air Combat 2.

WipeOut £19.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Ultra-fast, ultra-stylish racer. A must for speed freaks...

WipeOut 2097 £19.99

Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special NegCon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor.



World Cup 98 £39.99

Company EA ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Fast, tasty-lookin' footy sim that's cooking on gas.

World Cup Golf £39.99

Company US Gold ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Great graphics, but some of the courses can be imprecise.

World League Basketball £39.99

Company Mindscape ■ Players 1-8
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
World League Basketball? We'd rather down a pint of dog jism, thanks.

World League Soccer £39.99

Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
This is the cream of the crop when it comes to footy games. Buy it.



Worms £19.99

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Multiplayer joy will be yours to savour in this fabulous battle game...

Wreckin' Crew £44.99

Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Small car racing's a lot of laughs, if flawed.

WWF in your House £44.95

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Well below average wrestling game.

WWF Warzone £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Build your own fighter in this cool wrestler.

WWF Wrestlemania £39.99

Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-4
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Entertaining fighting game with some pretty deadly special moves.

X2 £44.95

Company Ocean ■ Players 1-2
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A tedious shoot 'em up which is just way too difficult to master...

X-Com: Enemy Unknown £44.99

Company Microprose ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Enjoy strategy gaming at its very best as you take on alien invaders

X-Com: Terror from the Deep £44.99

Company Microprose ■ Players 1
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
Pretty much X-Com: Enemy Unknown played underwater...

Xenocracy £39.99

Company Grolier ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ Link-up ✗ Mouse ✗ Multitap ✗
A dogshit of a game.

X-Men: Children of the Atom £44.99

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HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?



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WWF Warzone: ouch

ISS Pro 98: football



Colin McRae: Scottish

Gran Turismo: Fast

Key: (NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. (NE) Tekken 3 (Sony)
The mother of them all beats the rest.
2. (NE) WWF War Zone (Acclaim)
Wrestle with this load o' Yanks...
3. (NE) ISS Pro 98 (Konami)
Best footy game ever gets a revamp.
4. (1) Colin McRae Rally (Codemasters)
Scots driving hero still holds in there.
5. (2) Gran Turismo (Sony)
Top racer still in the driving seat.
6. (NE) C&C Retaliation (Virgin)
More Commie-bashing japes.
7. (NE) Future Cop LAPD (EA)
Californian future law enforcement.
8. (4) Premier Manager 98 (Gremlin)
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